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TN, WB set for new governments as Vijay, Adhikari take oath today

TN and WB witness major political shifts as Vijay and Suvendu Adhikari prepare to take oath as CMs.

KOLKATA/CHENNAI

Major political developments unfolded on Friday as government formation talks intensified in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal ahead of the swearing-in ceremonies scheduled for Saturday morning.

In Tamil Nadu, Vijay met Governor R. N. Ravi and formally staked claim to form the government after his party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), emerged as the single largest party in the Assembly elections. TVK secured support from the CPI, CPI(M) and Congress, taking its effective strength close to the majority mark in the 234-member House.

Meanwhile in West Bengal, senior BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari was unanimously elected leader of the BJP legislature party in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Kolkata. Adhikari later met Governor C. V. Ananda Bose and staked claim to form the government.

Both Vijay and Adhikari are scheduled to take oath as Chief Ministers at 11 am on May 9. The developments mark historic political transitions in both states, with TVK preparing to form its first government in Tamil Nadu and the BJP set to form its first government in West Bengal.

Bhoi is out and, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji has said, bharosa is in. The atmosphere of fear in Bengal has ended and we are entering an era of trust.

—Suvendu Adhikari, WB CM-designate

Historic transitions in two states

Tamil Nadu is set to witness actor-turned-politician Vijay becoming Chief Minister after TVK's impressive electoral debut. In West Bengal, the BJP is poised to form its first government in the state after ending the Trinamool Congress' 15-year rule under Mamata Banerjee.

Total seats:	234
Majority mark:	118
TVK:	108
Congress:	5
CPM:	2
CPI:	2
IUML:	2
VCK:	2

Political activity remained intense throughout the day, with Left parties confirming outside support to TVK while clarifying they would not join the Cabinet. The VCK is also expected to extend support. In another development, TVK reportedly moved the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Governor regarding government formation.

Cooperation Dept must work for farmers' growth: CM

BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said no sector can remain outside the cooperative system and stressed that the Cooperation Department must work towards the growth and welfare of farmers.

He was speaking after inaugurating the new administrative office building of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, named "Sahakara Samruddhi Soudha", in Bengaluru on Friday.

The Chief Minister said he himself had performed the foundation stone ceremony for the building in 2023 and expressed happiness that the construction had been completed within three years at a cost of Rs 19.43 crore.

Recalling the vision of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Siddaramaiah said Nehru had believed that every village should have a school, a panchayat and a cooperative society for holistic development. He added that the growth of milk cooperatives had now helped realise this vision in many villages.

He said the state was progressing under the cooperative principle of "I for everyone, everyone for me." Around 60 per cent of the population lives in rural areas, and cooperative societies are playing an important role in providing essential services to villagers, he noted.

The Chief Minister highlighted that milk cooperatives had significantly improved the lives of farmers and that Karnataka currently produces nearly one crore litres of milk every day. He stressed that milk production should increase further in North Karnataka and described the dairy sector as a highly profitable supplementary occupation made possible through cooperation.

Siddaramaiah also recalled that during his tenure as Cooperation Minister, milk unions were integrated with dairy networks, which helped boost milk production across the state.

He instructed officials to ensure better public service delivery at Sahakara Samruddhi Soudha.

Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar, Minister H. K. Patil, MLA Rizwan Arshad, MLC Bilkis Banu and senior Cooperation Department officials were present.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stressed cooperatives remain vital for farmers' welfare and rural development

No sector can remain outside the cooperative system. The Cooperation Department must work for farmers' growth and welfare.

—Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

GBA elections in B'luru likely between June 14 and 24: SEC

BENGALURU

Elections to the five corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) are likely to be conducted between June 14 and 24, State Election Commissioner G. S. Sangreshi said on Friday. He clarified that there would be no delay in holding the polls as the Supreme Court has directed submission of a compliance report by June 30.

Addressing reporters, Sangreshi said the process of finalising the election schedule had formally begun under provisions of the GBA Act. The State Election Commission (SEC) has already communicated with the government and sought the views of the GBA before preparing the poll calendar.

Inputs were also obtained from commissioners of the five corporations, who serve as ex-officio members of the authority. The SEC stated that all major preparations required for conducting the elections had been completed and the Commission was fully prepared for the exercise.

During consultations, GBA officials reportedly highlighted challenges such as the ongoing monsoon season, examinations, census-related work, Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and shortage of staff, while seeking additional time.

- Proposed poll dates: June 14–24
- Five corporations under GBA to go to polls
- Supreme Court deadline: June 30
- SEC says preparations completed
- Final schedule expected within one week

Challenges cited by GBA officials

During discussions with the State Election Commission, GBA officials pointed to several practical difficulties, including monsoon conditions, ongoing examinations, census activities, revision of electoral rolls and limited staff availability. Officials also expressed concerns about possible disruptions due to weather-related emergencies. Despite these challenges, the SEC reiterated that the election process would proceed within the timeline fixed by the Supreme Court.

Infiltration, cattle smuggling impossible under BJP in WB: HM

KOLKATA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday asserted that infiltration and cattle smuggling would become "impossible" in West Bengal under the new BJP government led by Suvendu Adhikari.

Addressing the BJP legislature party meeting in Kolkata, Shah said the party's massive victory in the Assembly elections reflected the people's desire for stronger national security and democratic governance. He alleged that the previous regime under Mamata Banerjee had witnessed politicisation of administration and criminalisation of politics.

"This victory is not just about organisational expansion or ideology. It is about fixing the biggest hole in the country's national security. Now infiltration and cattle smuggling will become impossible in West Bengal," Shah said.

He formally announced Adhikari as the BJP legislature party leader after newly elected MLAs unanimously backed his name. Shah said eight proposals were received, all supporting Adhikari, with no alternate candidate suggested.

The BJP's victory marks the first time the party will form a government in West Bengal, ending the Trinamool Congress' 15-year rule in the state. Shah thanked the people of Bengal for supporting the BJP despite what he described as an atmosphere of fear and political violence.

He claimed that voters had shown faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP despite repeated incidents of violence during elections.

Shah also assured that under BJP rule, the administration would function impartially and politics would not be criminalised.

SC TO HEAR PLEA OF RAJE GOWDA IN SRINGERI MLA ROW

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to examine a petition filed by Karnataka Congress leader T D Raje Gowda challenging his unseating as the MLA of Sringeri constituency following a court-ordered vote recount in the 2023 Assembly elections.

Gowda has challenged the April 6 order of the Karnataka High Court that directed reverification and recounting of postal ballots, a move that ultimately led to BJP leader D N Jeevaraj being declared elected as the MLA.

Senior advocate Devadutt Kamat, appearing for Gowda, mentioned the matter before a bench led by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and sought urgent listing of the case on May 11. The court said it would consider the request for an expedited hearing. In the 2023 Karnataka Assembly election, Raje Gowda had initially won the Sringeri seat by a narrow margin of 201 votes.

CM selection: Cong asks workers to end protests

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

As internal tensions rise within the Congress following the Kerala Assembly elections 2026, senior leader V D Satheesan and the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) have urged party workers to stop protests demanding his elevation as Chief Minister.

Supporters of Satheesan had staged demonstrations across several parts of the state, including the capital, since Thursday evening, pressing for him to be named the party's CM choice after the UDF's electoral performance. However, the leadership has stepped in to de-escalate the situation.

Such acts could affect the morale of the party amidst the proud moment of winning 102 seats.

—Satheesan, Congress leader

Satheesan, in a social media post on Friday, appealed to workers to refrain from protests, slogans, and hoardings backing any individual leader, stating that such actions could harm the party's morale at a crucial political moment. The KPCC has also issued a circular warning workers and leaders against public demonstrations or campaign-style activities favouring any chief ministerial candidate.

Tensions within the party deepened further after reports of differences emerging over support for AICC general secretary K C Venugopal, with some workers expressing dissatisfaction over perceived internal lobbying for leadership posts.

1 killed, 30 injured as KSRTC bus overturns in Davanagere

DAVANAGERE

A 21-year-old college student was killed and nearly 30 passengers were injured after a KSRTC bus overturned near Marabanahalli in Channagiri taluk on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Darshan, a resident of Kundur village in Honnali taluk. Police said the accident occurred after the axle of the bus travelling from Davanagere to Basavapatna reportedly broke, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle. The bus overturned and suffered severe damage in the accident.

Officials said seven injured passengers are in critical condition and are undergoing treatment at the Basavapatna Government Hospital. Most of the injured are believed to be students and women. Locals and police personnel rushed to the spot and carried out rescue operations before shifting the injured to nearby hospitals.

IRAN DEFENCE CLAIM

Iran warns US, says missile strength now at '120%'

TEHRAN

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi on Friday issued a fresh warning to the United States, accusing President Donald Trump of preferring military action over diplomacy amid growing tensions in the Gulf region.

Araghchi claimed Iran's military preparedness had increased despite recent US and Israeli strikes, rejecting American assessments that Tehran's capabilities had been weakened. He said reports suggesting Iran retained only part of its missile strength were inaccurate and insisted the country's military inventory now stood at "120 per cent."

The Iranian minister said Tehran would not surrender to external pressure and alleged that every attempt at diplomacy was being undermined by military escalation. His remarks came as Iran reviews a US-backed proposal involving a temporary halt to nuclear enrichment, sanctions relief and negotiations over the Strait of Hormuz.

Tensions remain high despite a fragile ceasefire, with both sides accusing each other of hostile actions in the Gulf region. The US military recently claimed it intercepted Iranian drones and fast boats near the Strait of Hormuz, while Iran accused American forces of targeting civilian-linked infrastructure and oil transport routes.

Iranians never bow to pressure and diplomacy is always the victim.

—Abbas Araghchi, Iranian Foreign Minister

- Iran rejects US claims of weakened military
- Tehran says missile inventory stands at "120%"
- Tensions continue around Strait of Hormuz
- US and Iran accuse each other of aggression
- Ceasefire remains fragile amid regional conflict

Meanwhile, reports also emerged of missile and drone launches towards US military bases in the Gulf, though several projectiles were intercepted. Authorities in the UAE reportedly confirmed minor injuries in the incidents.

The latest exchange highlights the continuing strain between Washington and Tehran as diplomatic efforts struggle to gain momentum amid repeated military confrontations and rising regional instability.

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Newlywed dies by suicide, husband booked

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A 40-year-old newlywed homemaker allegedly died by suicide at her residence in Yeshwantpur, and police have booked her husband on charges of abetment to suicide following a complaint by her parents. The deceased has been identified as M Sharada. According to police, Sharada married Mahesh Kumar, a private company employee, around eight months ago. The couple reportedly had frequent quarrels over trivial issues. Police said Sharada was allegedly distressed due to the repeated fights. Late at night, she allegedly hanged herself inside the house. The incident came to light after Mahesh Kumar reportedly broke open the door and found her unresponsive. A case has been registered and further investigation is underway.

Ex-husband attacks woman with knife in broad daylight

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
A woman narrowly escaped a knife attack after her ex-husband allegedly tried to assault her in the middle of a road under the Madanayakanahalli Police limits. CCTV footage of the incident has surfaced, showing bystanders rushing to rescue the victim. The accused has been identified as Sanjay.
According to preliminary investigations, he allegedly confronted his former wife following a dispute and attempted to attack her with a knife. As the woman screamed for help, alert youngsters nearby intervened immediately, overpowered the accused and rescued her. The group allegedly thrashed Sanjay before restraining him and informing the police.

Closed Peenya Flyover opens, traffic resumes

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
The Peenya Flyover, which had remained closed for the past four days, reopened for vehicular traffic, bringing relief to commuters. The flyover, a key route connecting Bengaluru to 22 districts, was shut on May 5 by the National Highways Authority of India for cable installation and load testing work. Restrictions had caused major traffic congestion and inconvenience to motorists over the last few days. Officials said the cable installation has been completed successfully and load testing was also cleared. Following this, all categories of vehicles were permitted to use the flyover from 11 am onwards. Traffic movement has now resumed normally in both directions.

MNREGA conflict: State government to move Supreme Court against Centre

State Cabinet decides to approach Supreme Court seeking continuation of rural employment guarantee scheme.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has decided to move the Supreme Court over the Centre's delay in issuing a notification regarding the implementation of the proposed VB-G RAM G Act and the uncertainty surrounding the continuation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA). The decision was taken during the State Cabinet meeting.

Addressing reporters after the meeting, Law Minister H. K. Patil said the Cabinet felt it was necessary in the larger

public interest to continue the rural employment guarantee scheme until alternative arrangements are put in place by the Union Government. He said the state would seek permission from the Supreme Court to prepare an action plan for continuing the scheme.

Patil alleged that the Centre had neither issued a notification for the implementation of the new Act nor provided clarity on alternative arrangements. "The Centre's approach amounts to suppressing the constitutional rights of state governments. This is a crucial welfare programme for rural areas and lakhs of poor families depend on it," he said.

He further stated that although the Centre had issued a circular permitting continuation of pending works under MGNREGA, no funds had been released for those projects. The minister also pointed out that the Union Government had advised states to take precautionary measures in anticipation of poor rainfall but had failed to address the livelihood concerns of rural workers. "The Centre has not thought about the poor in this situation. Hence, the state government has decided to knock on the doors of the court," he added.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet also discussed the final report submitted by the State Education Policy Commission chaired by Prof. Sukhdev Thorat. According to Patil, the recommendations were reviewed in detail during the Cabinet meeting, where Prof. Thorat made a presentation on the proposed state education policy.

The Cabinet decided to constitute a Cabinet Subcommittee to examine the commission's recommendations and suggest measures for implementation.

The subcommittee will study the 97 recommendations submitted in the report and recommend which proposals should be accepted by the government. Officials said the Chief Minister would soon announce the composition of the Cabinet Subcommittee.

Varthur resident wins ₹11,000 after broadband service failure

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A resident of Varthur has been awarded compensation of Rs 11,000 after a consumer forum held a wireless broadband service provider responsible for failing to provide reliable internet connectivity. The ruling is being seen as an important reminder of consumer rights in cases involving poor telecom and internet services.According to the complaint, the resident had subscribed to a wireless broadband connection but continued to face repeated issues related to internet quality, weak signals and service disruptions. Despite paying the required charges, the complainant allegedly.

Cabinet approves state-of-the-art aquarium at Bannerghatta Biological Park

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka Cabinet approved the development of a state-of-the-art public aquarium at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) in Bengaluru under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The project is expected to emerge as a major tourist attraction and enhance environmental awareness among visitors.According to officials, administrative approval has been granted for implementing the Public Aquarium Development Project on a Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis for a period of 30 years. The aquarium project will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs 144.40 crore.The proposed aquarium will come up adjacent to the existing zoo complex inside Bannerghatta Biological Park and will spread across nearly 7.5 acres. Authorities said the facility will feature a wide range of aquatic ecosystems, including freshwater, marine and saltwater species. Live exhibits and interactive displays are also planned as part of the project to provide visitors with an immersive experience.Officials stated that the aquarium aims to promote awareness about marine biodiversity and conservation through educational and recreational exhibits. The project is expected to attract tourists, students and wildlife enthusiasts from across the country.

In another major decision, the Cabinet also approved the implementation of the Immersive Room and Digital Zoo Guide projects at Sri Chamarajendra Zoo in Mysuru and Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru. The projects will also be developed under the PPP model at an estimated cost of Rs 44.62 crore for Mysuru Zoo and Rs 35.22 crore for Bannerghatta Park.Sri Chamarajendra Zoo, one of India's oldest zoological institutions, and Bannerghatta Biological Park house several endemic and exotic species and conduct conservation and educational programmes throughout the year. The new technology-driven initiatives are aimed at strengthening environmental education and improving visitor engagement.The immersive wildlife room will provide visitors with a 270° to 360° projection-based experience featuring India's biodiversity, wildlife habitats and conservation themes. The facility will include multilingual audio support and thematic visual content designed especially for students, families and tourists. Meanwhile, the Digital Zoo Guide will function as a QR code-based browser-accessible platform, eliminating the need for a separate mobile application. The platform will provide live navigation assistance, educational information about animal enclosures, multilingual narration, conservation-related content and augmented reality experiences for visitors.

The projects will be implemented under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. Officials said the collaboration is intended to utilise private sector expertise in operations and management while ensuring long-term sustainability and efficient maintenance of the facilities.

KSDL seeks ideas on anti-theft technology to protect sandalwood trees

CH NEWSBENGALURU

In a bid to tackle rising sandalwood thefts across Karnataka, Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd (KSDL) has invited farmers, scientists, innovators and organisations to propose advanced technologies and equipment for safeguarding sandalwood trees.Announcing the initiative, Industries Minister M. B. Patil said innovators with effective anti-theft solutions would be given an opportunity to demonstrate their technologies before KSDL officials. If the systems are found feasible and efficient, the proposals will be placed before the government for consideration and possible implementation. Patil stated that KSDL is willing to bear the cost of deploying suitable technologies to ensure better protection for sandalwood growers. He noted that theft of sandalwood trees has become a major concern for farmers cultivating the valuable species on their lands.The minister observed that despite stringent laws to curb sandalwood smuggling and theft, conviction rates in such cases continue to remain low. He stressed the need for modern technological interventions to support law enforcement agencies and provide security to cultivators.As part of efforts to encourage sandalwood cultivation, KSDL will honour four farmers who supply quality sandalwood produce to the organisation. The awards will be presented on June 4.Patil also announced that police personnel, forest officials and citizens who assist in solving sandalwood theft cases would be recognised and rewarded for their contribution. Officials believe the initiative will promote greater public participation in protecting sandalwood resources while encouraging farmers to take up cultivation with confidence.

Star giraffe Shivani dies at Bannerghatta Biological Park

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) has suffered a setback after Shivani, a young female giraffe and one of the park's popular attractions, died following a sudden intestinal complication despite intensive veterinary treatment.According to BBP officials, Shivani was aged three years and 10 months. The giraffe reportedly stopped consuming food on May 3, prompting veterinarians to closely monitor her condition and begin treatment immediately. However, despite several days of medical

care, she failed to recover and died, officials said.A postmortem examination conducted by veterinary experts revealed that Shivani died due to caecal torsion, a serious medical condition caused by twisting of a part of the intestine, leading to severe abdominal distress. Officials stated that visceral samples have been collected and sent to the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals laboratory in Hebbal for further analysis. Shivani had been brought to Bannerghatta from Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens in 2024 after months of negotiations to provide companionship to the park's lone giraffe, Gauri. Born in 2022 to giraffes Bharat and Babli at Mysuru zoo, Shivani was transported to Bengaluru in a specially designed multi-axle vehicle under special escort arrangements.

BMTC expands to Channapatna, boosting South Bengaluru connectivity

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has expanded its services to Channapatna, further strengthening connectivity between South Bengaluru and nearby towns. The new service, launched on Friday, is expected to benefit daily commuters, students and office-goers travelling between Bengaluru and Channapatna.

As part of the expansion, BMTC has deployed 10 air-conditioned (AC) buses on the route. According to officials, the buses will operate at a frequency of one every 30 minutes from morning till evening, ensuring regular and reliable transport services throughout the day.

The initiative comes after BMTC recently extended its operations to Ramanagara and Kanakapura over the past two months. Six buses were introduced for Ramanagara and eight for Kanakapura.

Loan dispute murder plot exposed after 'accident'; accused dies in custody

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

What was initially believed to be a road accident involving an elderly woman has now turned into a shocking murder investigation, with police uncovering a conspiracy allegedly linked to a loan dispute. Adding another twist to the case, one of the accused died due to illness while in police custody, just two days after the woman's death.

The deceased woman has been identified as Vijayalakshmi, who had reportedly lent money to one of the accused. According to police investigations, the accused allegedly plotted to kill her and steal money and valuables believed to be kept at her residence.Police said accused Rakesh allegedly rammed his bike into Vijayalakshmi while she was walking on the road and fled the spot. Soon after, Pradeep, Yohan and Manjunath arrived in an autorickshaw and shifted the injured woman to a hospital. During the confusion, Manjunath allegedly took the house keys from Vijayalakshmi's purse and went to her residence searching for cash and jewellery.When neighbours questioned him, he allegedly claimed Vijayalakshmi had met with an accident and that he needed her Aadhaar card. However, becoming suspicious over his behaviour, residents continued questioning him, forcing him to flee the spot.Meanwhile, Vijayalakshmi was shifted to Victoria Hospital. In a bid to mislead investigators, accused Rakesh himself approached the Vijayanagar Traffic Police and filed a complaint claiming that an unidentified vehicle had hit his acquaintance Vijayalakshmi and escaped. He also projected himself as the person who had rescued her.Two days later, the case took a dramatic turn after police grew suspicious about inconsistencies in the incident. Simultaneously, the owner of Vijayalakshmi's house lodged a complaint at the Mahalaxmi Layout Police Station regarding an attempted theft.

POCSO accused swallows key at police station,

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

An accused in a POCSO case allegedly attempted suicide by swallowing a key while in custody at the Madanayakanahalli Police Station. Police later admitted him to a hospital, where doctors reportedly managed to recover the key after three days of treatment and an unusual diet involving nearly 10 kg of bananas.The accused has been identified as Karthik alias Ramu (24), a resident of Ballari. According to police, on April 24, the family of a minor girl lodged a complaint alleging that their daughter had been taken away by her husband. Based on the complaint, police registered a missing person case and launched an investigation. During inquiry, police traced Karthik and brought him to the station for questioning. A POCSO case was later registered against him.Officials said that while at the police station, the accused allegedly swallowed a key in an attempt to harm himself.

FINE FOR RULE DIVERSION

KKRTC's dual stance on accident case draws High Court ire,₹25,000 fine imposed

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court has strongly criticised the Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC) for allegedly suppressing facts and presenting contradictory arguments in a road accident compensation case. The court imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 on the corporation for what it termed an abuse of the judicial process.

A division bench comprising Justice Suraj Govindaraj and Justice Dr Chillakuru

Sumalatha passed the order while hearing an appeal filed by KKRTC challenging the judgment of the Accident Compensation Tribunal.

The court observed that KKRTC had already admitted negligence on the part of its employees in internal disciplinary proceedings following the accident. The corporation had dismissed the contract driver involved in the accident from service and reduced the annual increment of the concerned manager.

However, while contesting the compensation claim before the High Court, the corporation argued that the deceased victim was responsible for the accident.

Expressing strong displeasure, the bench stated that adopting one stand internally and another before the court amounted to duplicity and misuse of judicial proceedings. "On one hand, the corporation dismisses its employees after admitting fault, and on the other hand, it argues that the deceased was responsible. Such a double standard is illegal and unacceptable," the bench observed.

The judges further remarked that litigants approaching courts are expected to come with clean hands and disclose all relevant facts truthfully. Suppressing information about disciplinary action already taken within the organisation and presenting misleading arguments before the court undermines the sanctity of the judiciary, the bench noted.

The High Court directed KKRTC to deposit Rs 25,000 with the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority. It also ordered that the fine amount be recovered from the officials responsible for filing the appeal and withholding material facts from the court.

In addition, the bench instructed the corporation to mandatorily disclose details of internal disciplinary proceedings in future accident compensation cases. The court further directed KKRTC Managing Director to issue an appropriate circular and constitute a separate review committee to prevent such contradictory positions in future litigation.

The court said the move was necessary to ensure transparency, accountability and fairness in legal proceedings involving public sector transport corporations.

QUICK READ

Conduct railway exams in Kannada too: Nikhil to Centre

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

JDS Youth Wing State President Nikhil Kumaraswamy has written to the Union Government demanding that Railway Department examinations also be conducted in Kannada. He shared details of the letter on his X account on Friday. Nikhil objected to departmental promotion examinations in South Western Railway being conducted only in Hindi and English, stating that the move was unfair to Kannada-speaking employees. He said Kannadiga railway staff were being disadvantaged due to the absence of Kannada as an examination language. He stated that letters had been sent to Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna urging implementation of the Railway Board's August 2024 order allowing regional languages, including Kannada, in examinations.

Man killed in hit-and-run near Cubbon Park, driver absconds

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A man was killed in a hit-and-run accident after a speeding vehicle allegedly struck him while he was walking along the roadside in the early hours of Friday. The incident was reported under the Cubbon Park Traffic Police limits. The deceased has been identified as Srinivas. Police said the impact of the collision was severe, resulting in his death on the spot. The driver of the vehicle allegedly fled immediately after the accident without offering assistance to the victim. Police have registered a case under Section 106 of the IPC and launched an investigation. Officials are examining CCTV footage from the area to identify the vehicle and trace the absconding driver.

Purple Line Metro services to be disrupted on May 10

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has announced a temporary disruption in Purple Line Metro services on May 10 due to maintenance work. Metro operations will remain suspended for two hours from 7 am to 9 am on a section of the corridor. According to BMRCL, maintenance work will be carried out between Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station, City Railway Station and Central College stations. As a result, metro services between Balagangadhara Nath Swamiji Station and Cubbon Park will remain suspended during the period. However, normal metro operations will continue on Chalaghatta-Vijayanagar, MG Road-Whitefield, Madavara-Silk Institute and RV Road-Bommasandra routes. Services at affected stations will resume normally after 9 am. BMRCL has advised passengers to plan their journeys accordingly.

Bengaluru to Hyderabad in just 2 hrs, bullet train corridor gains momentum

The B'luru–Hyderabad bullet train corridor promises faster travel and improved regional connectivity significantly

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The proposed Bengaluru–Hyderabad bullet train project is gaining momentum, with the Centre accelerating work related to surveys, alignment planning and land acquisition for the high-speed rail corridor. Once completed, the project is expected to reduce travel time between the two cities to nearly two hours.

According to officials, the proposed corridor will span around 626 km and will largely run on elevated tracks along a new alignment separate from the existing railway network. The high-speed line is being designed for a maximum speed of 350 kmph, while trains are expected to operate at around 320 kmph.

Currently, train journeys between Bengaluru and Hyderabad take between eight and 19 hours depending on the service.

Even premium services such as the Vande Bharat Express require more than eight hours for the trip. While air travel is faster, passengers still spend considerable time on airport transfers, security checks and boarding procedures. Officials believe the bullet train corridor could provide a more efficient city-to-city travel option for passengers.

Sources said final location surveys are presently being conducted by RITES Limited and the Detailed Project Report (DPR) is likely to be submitted soon. The Union Government has also directed the Karnataka government to appoint a nodal officer to expedite land acquisition and coordination with departments.

In Karnataka, the corridor is expected to include stations at Alipura in Gauribidanur taluk, Devanahalli near Kempegowda International Airport and Kodihalli in Bengaluru Rural district. Across the entire route, nearly 12 stations are proposed, with key stops likely in Mahbubnagar, Kurnool, Anantapur and Hindupur before entering Karnataka.

The Karnataka Cabinet has already extended in-principle support to the project. State ministers have assured cooperation for clearances and infrastructure requirements.

Officials believe the bullet train corridor could significantly transform connectivity between Bengaluru and Hyderabad, two of South India's leading technology, business and innovation hubs.

The project is also expected to boost economic activity, improve regional mobility and strengthen intercity transportation infrastructure in the long term.

Biometric system made mandatory at Parappana Agrahara Jail

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a major move to tighten prison security and curb illegal activities, authorities have implemented a mandatory biometric-based Prisoners Tracking Movement System at Parappana Agrahara Central Prison. The system has been introduced to monitor inmate movements closely and prevent inappropriate behaviour and unlawful coordination among prisoners.

According to prison officials, biometric verification has now become compulsory for inmates entering every barrack and key section within the prison premises. The digital monitoring system has been implemented at an estimated cost of around Rs 2.25 crore.

The prison already had artificial intelligence-based surveillance cameras monitoring prisoners as well as officers and staff. With the latest upgrade, authorities have now introduced complete digital tracking of prisoners' phone calls, a token-based visitor management system and real-time monitoring of inmate movement inside the prison.

Officials said undertrial prisoners and convicted inmates, though housed separately, often gathered together at common points such as food distribution areas and medical facilities. This interaction allegedly enabled exchange of information and indirectly contributed to criminal activities both inside and outside the prison.

Advanced digital tracking introduced to monitor prisoner movement and prevent illegal prison activities.

"A biometric system has been installed at the entrance of every barrack along with security personnel. It helps track which prisoner visited which barrack, how long they stayed and for what purpose. Besides monitoring movements, it will also help curb illegal activities," said Alok Kumar.

Authorities also found that prisoners visiting meeting rooms frequently moved to other barracks or hospital sections instead of returning directly to their designated cells. To address this, the prison department has proposed separate canteens and food facilities for convicts and undertrial prisoners. Plans are also underway to establish a separate Out Patient Department (OPD) for minor treatments so that only seriously ill inmates are taken to the main hospital section. Biometric systems have now been installed across major prison facilities, including barracks, visitor rooms, hospital areas, canteens, kitchens, library sections, playgrounds, handicraft units and bakery facilities. Prisoners visiting meeting rooms must obtain digital tokens linked to biometric authentication.Officials said prison staff update the inmate's details, including name, prisoner number, time and movement records, into dedicated software systems. This allows authorities to maintain complete digital records of prisoner movements and interactions.

Air hostess alleges harassment on Bengaluru-bound flight

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

An air hostess on a flight headed to Bengaluru has alleged that a male passenger behaved inappropriately with her during the journey and later attempted to justify the act by calling it a gesture of friendship. The incident has once again raised concerns over the safety of airline crew members and passengers during air travel.

According to the complaint, the woman alleged that the passenger touched her waist inappropriately while she was performing her duties onboard. The incident reportedly left her shocked and distressed. What further angered the crew member was the passenger's alleged attempt to dismiss the act by claiming that it was done in a friendly manner. Sources said the air hostess immediately informed fellow airline staff about the incident after it occurred. The matter was subsequently brought to the attention of airline authorities for further action.

The case has sparked concern over increasing incidents of harassment in public spaces, including flights, where both passengers and crew members are expected to feel safe and secure. Aviation experts and passenger rights activists have repeatedly stressed the need for stricter enforcement of safety protocols and quicker response mechanisms in cases involving misconduct onboard aircraft.

Crew members, especially cabin staff, often work in confined spaces while handling passengers under stressful conditions, making them vulnerable to harassment and inappropriate behaviour. Experts point out that such incidents can cause emotional distress and create an unsafe work environment for airline employees.

Authorities are expected to examine the complaint and determine further action against the accused passenger. Officials have emphasised that inappropriate behaviour under the guise of friendliness cannot be tolerated and must be dealt with seriously.

Bengaluru leads commercial leasing with surge in large office deals

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Bengaluru has once again emerged as the leading commercial office market in the country, accounting for the highest share of leasing activity as companies continue to expand operations in India's technology and business capital. Large office transactions of nearly one lakh square feet have become the dominant trend in the city's commercial real estate sector.

According to the latest market assessment, overall commercial leasing activity across India touched nearly 19.5 million square feet, with Bengaluru contributing the largest portion of demand. Industry experts said the city continues to attract major occupiers due to its strong infrastructure, talent pool and established business ecosystem.

A significant feature of the current leasing cycle is the growing number of large-format office deals. Experts noted that companies are increasingly opting for expansive office spaces instead of fragmented or short-term setups, reflecting long-term business confidence and future expansion plans.

Demand in Bengaluru is being driven mainly by sectors such as information technology, global capability centres (GCCs), engineering services and financial institutions. These sectors continue to seek premium office spaces in well-connected commercial corridors across the city.

Real estate analysts said Bengaluru's strong metro connectivity, availability of Grade-A office spaces and mature business infrastructure have helped it maintain an advantage over competing office markets in the country.

Major companies are reportedly focusing on securing scalable office campuses that can support workforce growth over the coming years.

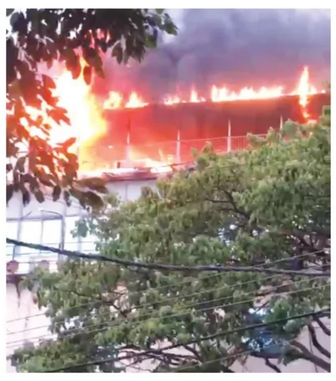
The rise in transactions involving spaces of around one lakh square feet indicates that businesses are prioritising stability and long-term operational planning. Industry observers believe this also reflects renewed confidence in physical office spaces despite the continued presence of hybrid work models.

FIRE AT COMMERCIAL COMPLEX NEAR PETROL BUNK, TWO RESCUED

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Panic gripped Coles Road on Friday evening after a fire broke out in a multi-storey commercial complex around 5.30 pm. The blaze reportedly started on the terrace, where a pantry and storeroom were located.

The incident created tension as the building is situated next to a petrol bunk, raising fears of a possible explosion. Two persons trapped on the terrace were rescued by Pulakeshinagar Police Inspector and his team along with personnel from the Fire and Emergency Services Department and Civil Defence staff.



Four fire tenders were deployed to control the blaze. After nearly an hour of firefighting operations, the fire was brought under control. The exact cause of the fire is yet to be determined.

Governor's office being used as BJP, RSS office for decades: Priyank Kharge

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge on Friday launched a sharp attack on Governors appointed in several states, alleging that Raj Bhavans were increasingly being used as political extensions of the BJP and the RSS.

Speaking at his Bengaluru residence, Kharge alleged that the Governor's office had functioned like a BJP office for years and was now being misused as an RSS office. Referring to the ongoing political developments in Tamil Nadu, he criticised Governors for allegedly interfering in democratic processes and obstructing government formation despite elected parties staking claim.

Kharge said the Governor had no authority to demand proof of majority outside the Assembly and insisted that majority should only be tested on the floor of the House. "How can signatures be demanded beforehand? The Constitution is supreme and nobody is above it," he said.

The minister further referred to political developments in states such as West Bengal and Maharashtra, alleging misuse of constitutional offices for political purposes. He questioned the manner in which governments were formed in some states and criticised what he termed selective standards adopted by Governors.

Kharge also reacted strongly to the controversy surrounding the shifting of IPL matches from Bengaluru. He alleged that the matches were moved to Gujarat for profit motives and not due to security concerns. Referring to demands for match tickets by political leaders, he claimed legislators and MPs had merely requested tickets respectfully and denied allegations of undue pressure.

He further questioned why the matches were shifted specifically to Gujarat instead of other cities like Mumbai. "If security was really the issue, how were several matches held earlier in Bengaluru without problems?" he asked.

The minister also criticised the Centre over the proposed changes linked to MGNREGA, stating that the Union Government had failed to properly consult states before introducing the new law. According to him, the absence of clarity regarding funding, implementation and panchayat-level execution had created uncertainty in rural areas.

Kharge said even leaders from allied parties had raised concerns regarding fund allocation. "This is a federal system. States should have been consulted before such decisions were taken," he said, accusing the Centre of neglecting rural livelihoods and creating hardship for poor families dependent on employment guarantee schemes.

PRECAUTION AT LAST

GBA issues demolition notices for 350 unsafe buildings

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Following recent rain-related tragedies in Bengaluru that claimed multiple lives, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has initiated a large-scale drive against dangerous and dilapidated structures across the city. Authorities have now issued notices for the demolition of nearly 350 unsafe buildings identified in different zones of Bengaluru.

The move comes after seven people were killed when a compound wall near Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in Shivajinagar collapsed during heavy rains. In separate rain-related incidents, two others reportedly died due to electrocution, triggering widespread criticism over civic negligence and poor infrastructure safety measures.

According to officials, the identified structures include several old residential buildings as well as commercial establishments with shopfronts. Authorities warned that many of these structures are in an extremely weak condition and could collapse during heavy rains, posing serious danger to residents and pedestrians.

The GBA has now begun an urgent clearance process to remove such risky structures. Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao issued notices directing owners to demolish unsafe buildings within the stipulated time period. He warned that if owners fail to act, GBA teams will undertake the demolition work and recover the expenses from the property owners.

Appealing to citizens to cooperate with civic authorities, Rao said preventive action was necessary to avoid further deaths and injuries during the monsoon season. "People must wake up before buildings collapse and tragedies occur," officials quoted him as saying.

Following the Bowring Hospital compound wall collapse, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah personally visited the site and pulled up civic officials over lapses in maintenance and safety monitoring. Soon after the incident, authorities reportedly demolished or cleared at least 15 dangerous compound walls across the city.

Officials said the highest number of unsafe structures were identified in the Bengaluru South Municipal Corporation limits. Despite their deteriorating condition, several of these buildings continue to remain occupied and operational, increasing the risk of accidents.

According to official data, Bengaluru South has 106 dilapidated buildings, followed by Bengaluru North with 84, Bengaluru West with 60, Bengaluru East with 51 and Bengaluru Central with 49 unsafe structures.

Authorities have urged building owners to act immediately to prevent further rain-related disasters in the city.

QUICK READ

BPL ration cards open for medical aid applications

CH NEWS,GADAG

Applications have been invited for new BPL ration cards under emergency medical treatment needs, said Ashok Mandali, Chairman of the Gadag Taluk Panch Guarantee Scheme Implementation Authority. He announced that the last date to submit applications is March 31, 2027. Eligible people can apply at nearby Karnataka One and Gram One centres between 10 am and 5 pm. Applicants must submit Aadhaar cards, caste and income certificates of all family members, birth certificates of children below six years, and TUMB details. Officials said the scheme aims to support families facing urgent medical expenses through proper documentation and verification process effectively.

Planned power cuts announced across Kodagu district

CH NEWS,MADIKERI

Kodagu district will face scheduled power outages on May 10 and May 11 due to maintenance works, officials said. On May 10, power will be cut from 10 am to 5 pm for feeder strengthening work on the Moornadu route, affecting Moornadu town, Muttarmudi, Kumbaladalu, Kiggalu and Kabadageri areas. On May 11, another shutdown from 10 am to 5 pm will be held for maintenance on the Bhagamandala feeder, impacting Talatmane, Appangala, Bettageri, Cherambane and nearby villages. Officials have requested residents to cooperate and manage water and electricity needs in advance during the outages period.

Chitradurga opens final chance for housing list update

CH NEWS,CHITRADURGA

The Chitradurga Taluk Panchayat has given a final opportunity to include eligible homeless people who were missed in the 2018 survey for housing benefits. The deadline for adding names to the list is May 15. Officials said the revision is being done under directions of the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural). Those without houses or plots can be re-verified through Gram Sabhas and added if eligible. Beneficiaries will be selected transparently through online lottery. Authorities warned that no changes will be allowed after the deadline, and the final list will be strictly closed.

Kumaraswamy denies centre role in Tamil politics

Kumaraswamy said Tamil Nadu Governor consults experts, acts on conditions for government formation, and Centre is not interfering

HASSAN

H. D. Kumaraswamy said there is no question of central government interference in Tamil Nadu politics.He said the political crisis in Tamil Nadu may be resolved within two or three days and added that DMK and AIADMK, long-time rivals, are unlikely to form an alliance government, while TVK is seen as an emerging force.He further said that in Tamil Nadu, the Governor is taking decisions based on prevailing conditions and consulting legal experts, and steps are being taken for government formation, adding that the Centre is not interfering.He also said Tamil Nadu's budget is about 3.5 lakh crore rupees, while promises of freebies would require nearly 6 lakh crore rupees, and questioned where such funds would come from.

He made the remarks while speaking to reporters at Mavinakere Ranganatha Swamy hill in Hassan district.

Earlier he said that the Governor has asked political leader Vijay to submit a signed list of supporting MLAs and that decisions are being taken according to the political situation.He said that people should wait and see how the situation develops in the coming days.He reiterated that there is no role for the central government in influencing state political affairs and said Tamil Nadu politics will be decided by elected representatives within the state framework.Political observers note that the statement comes amid ongoing discussions over leadership and coalition possibilities in Tamil Nadu, while Kumaraswamy maintained that clarity will emerge after discussions in the coming days and urged patience from all stakeholders until a formal decision is announced by party leadership in due course officially confirmed.

Murusaviramath seer said good society comes from strong values, donations, sacrifice, and unity, praising Nijasharan Ambigara Chowdaiah Peetha for community harmony and development

MLA Srinivas Mane speaks on land scarcity issue

HANGAL

MLA Srinivas Mane said that in India many hospitals, schools and community buildings have been constructed on land donated by generous people, but the mindset of society has changed to such an extent that even burial land is becoming scarce. He was speaking after inaugurating a restaurant during the opening ceremony of the Ganga Parameshwari Community Hall built by the Gangamat community.He appreciated the community members for completing the well-equipped hall after nearly 15 years of effort. He said people should understand the teachings of

Ambigara Chowdaiah and work towards building an equal society where everyone lives together with harmony and respect.Murusaviramath seer Dr. Gurusiddha Rajyogindra Swamiji said that a good society can be created only when people focus on building good values in their minds. He added that donation and sacrifice by individuals help strengthen society and urged leaders to work for unity and development. He also said the establishment of Nijasharan Ambigara Chowdaiah Peetha has helped bring unity within the community.Former minister Pramod Madhvaraj and MLC Chief Whip N. Ravikumar also addressed the gathering and praised the efforts of the community. Several community leaders and guests attended the event.On the occasion, individuals who donated land for the community hall were honored for their contribution. Leaders of the Gangamat Samaj Seva Sanstha said the hall would help in social and cultural activities in the region.

The program included prayers, welcome speech and vote of thanks. Community members expressed happiness over the completion of the long-awaited hall and said it would strengthen unity and social bonding in the area for future generations.

Mangaluru Airport inspires future aviation sector toppers

CH NEWS,MANGALURU

Mangaluru International Airport hosted Second PUC toppers from Dakshina Kannada district on experiential visit giving students real exposure to aviation operations. The programme was organised as part of airport's 75-year civil aviation celebration in the region. Students from science arts commerce streams visited airport facilities and observed daily operations. They saw passenger areas security screening airline coordination terminal services. Officials explained aviation security safety procedures and CISF role in passenger protection. Students learned Air Traffic Control fire safety units emergency systems ensuring safe flights. Staff interacted explained aviation careers encouraging students explore future roles. The visit helped students understand airport systems ensure smooth passenger travel. Officials said similar visits will be arranged for SSLC toppers soon. The initiative aims inspire achievers connect education with industry exposure. Airport said it celebrates 75 years since first aircraft landed Bajpe 1951 carrying Pandit Nehru. Celebrations continue till December 2026 with community programmes. Students expressed excitement seeing operations handling equipment used rescue fire fighting teams. They said visit motivated them consider careers aviation related fields. Officials said the programme will continue as part of community outreach efforts to connect students with real aviation work environments and inspire skill development for future growth in the aviation sector in Karnataka.

45-Day K-SET and UGC-NET coaching camp from May 12

MYSURU

The Competitive Examination Training Centre of Karnataka State Open University will inaugurate its 45-day coaching camp for K-SET and UGC-NET aspirants on Tuesday, May 12, at 11 am at the Kaveri Auditorium on the university campus.The training programme will be inaugurated by Prof. B. K. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Bengaluru North University.

Senior KAS officer and Joint Director of the Administrative Training Institute, Mysuru, Satyashree R., will deliver the keynote address and extend best wishes to the participants of the training camp.The programme will be presided over by Prof. Sharanappa V. Halase.

Among those attending the inaugural function are Registrar Prof. Naveenkumar S. K., Registrar (Evaluation) Dr. C. S. Anandkumar, Academic Dean Prof. M. Ramanatham Naidu, Dean of Study Centre Dr. N. R. Chandregowda and Finance Officer Dr. S. Niranjan Raj.Coordinator Jainahalli Satyanarayana Gowda said interested candidates can still enrol for the coaching programme.

For details, candidates may contact: 0821-2515944 / 9964760090.

Awareness drive urges shift from plastic carry bags

MYSURU

Stressing the urgent need to protect the environment from plastic pollution, H. V. L. N. Achar said both traders and consumers must seriously think of replacing plastic carry bags with reusable cloth bags.He was speaking after distributing cloth bags to vegetable vendors and customers at the Srirampura market on Thursday as part of an awareness initiative organised jointly by Kshema Dhama Trust and Arivu Institution here on Friday.Achar warned that non-recyclable plastic poses a grave threat to the environment, public health and animal life.

"Core engineering will come back like vengeance"

MYSURU

"Degrees may help students secure their first job, but long-term success depends on inner personality, values, attitude, and core competencies," said A.N. Santhosh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, JSS Science and Technology University.

Speakinf after inaugurating the three-day annual cultural fest 'VIDYUTH 2026' at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering here on Friday, he said the real purpose of education is not merely to earn money or secure placements, but to refine human behavior, cultivate the right attitude, and build strong character. The society conditions children from a young age to believe that academic scores, placements, and high-paying jobs alone define success. While acknowledging the importance of wealth and economic growth, he questioned whether financial success should be the sole aim of education.

He stressed that education must help students understand society better, develop socially acceptable behavior, and make informed decisions with the right perspective.

Warning students against forming instant opinions based on appearances or social media narratives, he urged them to think critically and gather complete information before making judgments.Highlighting industry expectations, the Vice-Chancellor noted that recruiters today are more concerned about attitude and behavior than technical knowledge. "Companies can train graduates technically within a few months, but changing attitude is much more difficult," he remarked, quoting investor Warren Buffett to emphasize that attitude is more valuable than aptitude.Speaking on technological advancements, Kumar said emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence, semiconductors, quantum computing, electric vehicles, nanoscience, and genetic engineering would create enormous opportunities in the coming years.

He dismissed fears that AI would completely replace jobs and asserted that engineers would continue to play a vital role in nation-building.Predicting a strong revival of traditional engineering streams, he said civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering would "come back with a vengeance" due to rapid infrastructure growth and increasing industrial demands across the country. He pointed out that excessive focus on IT-related branches over the past decade has now created a shortage of skilled engineers in core sectors.Earlier, Sadashive Gowda, Principal of VVCE said VIDYUTH 2026 celebrates culture as the soul of society and plays an important role in preserving traditions, values, art, and heritage.

The three-day fest features cultural competitions, gaming events, auto expo, treasure hunt, fashion events, celebrity performances, and a blood donation camp organized in association with NSS and Red Cross. Renowned singer Raghu Dixit will perform during the grand Sandalwood Night finale on May 10.Gundappa Gowda, president of Vidyavardhaka Sangha, P. Vishwanath, Secretary of Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Shrishaila Ramannavar, Treasurer, VVS, Shobha Shankar, Vice Principal, VVCE, Dean Naveen Prakash, Gowri Shankar, Cultural Secretary were also present.

SPECIAL PRAYERS OFFERED AT 101 GANAPATHI TEMPLE

MYSURU

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy said veteran BJP leader B. S. Yediyurappa played a pivotal role in strengthening the Bharatiya Janata Party in South India and rendered unforgettable service to Karnataka.Speaking during a special prayer ceremony held at the historic 101 Ganapathi Temple in Agrahara in Mysuru on Friday, Sandesh Swamy said Yediyurappa had travelled extensively across the state on a bicycle during the early years of the BJP to strengthen the party and connect with people through public service.As part of the celebrations marking Yediyurappa's 50 years in public life, special prayers were offered before his photograph seeking the success of the grand "Abhimanotsava" programme scheduled to be held in Chitradurga on May 9.

Sandesh Swamy said lakhs of supporters from across Karnataka are expected to participate in the mega event. He appealed to BJP workers and admirers from Mysuru district to attend the programme in large numbers and make it a grand success.

"Remembering the immense contribution of Yediyurappa is the responsibility of every admirer and party worker. People from this region should voluntarily participate in the celebrations," he added.

Former Corporator M.V. Ramaprasad said the Abhimanotsava has already attracted statewide and national attention, with supporters arriving in groups from different parts of Karnataka.

Among those present were M.D. Parthasarathi, Jagadish, Jeevadhara Blood Bank Director Girish, Chamundeshwari Nagar Mandal President Rakesh Bhat, ST Morcha city president Paduvarahalli Ramakrishna, Doora Rajanna, Anand, Sandeep, Nagesh Yadav, Shivaraj, Madhu, Suchindra, Chandan Gowda and several BJP workers and supporters.

YOGA POWERS THE FORCE

SP Baladandi applauds police personnel for discipline and dedication

MYSURU

Stressing that yoga is not merely an exercise but a way of life, Mysuru District Superintendent of Police Mallikarjuna Baladandi lauded police officers and staff for their overwhelming participation in the five-day yoga camp conducted by renowned yoga trainer Dr Bhagirathi exclusively for district police personnel.Speaking at the valedictory ceremonyhere on Friday, the SP said the department had initially expected a modest response to the camp. However, the enthusiasm shown by the force surpassed all expectations, with nearly 360 police personnel actively taking part throughout the programme."Usually many attend yoga camps on the first day and gradually stop coming because of body pain and fatigue. But here, the attendance remained consistent for all five days, which reflects the discipline and commitment of our staff," he said.Baladandi praised Dr Bhagirathi's tireless dedication, noting that she conducts yoga sessions from early morning till late night in both offline and online formats. He recalled her decade-long association with the police department, during which she has trained thousands of personnel and recently conducted online yoga sessions for prison department staff as well.

The SP also appreciated the release of a special wellness booklet focusing on stress management, meditation, weight control, concentration and mental wellbeing — issues commonly faced in today's fast-paced life.Describing yoga as the best exercise for holistic fitness, he said every part of

the body becomes active through yoga. He particularly highlighted Dr Bhagirathi's unique method of beginning sessions with power yoga to energise and warm up the body before moving to asanas.He urged all participants to continue practising yoga daily, wake up early and adopt a healthier lifestyle to remain physically fit, mentally strong and duty-ready round the clock.Fit Forces Build a Strong Nation-Renowned international yoga expert Dr Bhagirathi said her return to India from abroad was driven by a single mission — to spread the power of yoga among people and especially among the nation's uniformed forces.She recalled that her journey with the police department began in 2016 when she came in contact with the KSRP 12th Battalion. "Around 180 police personnel underwent a rigorous 10-day yogasana training programme and each participant lost between five and eight-and-a-half kilograms during the camp," she said.Dr Bhagirathi described the initiative as a major challenge that required complete lifestyle changes, including modifications in the canteen diet and continuous motivation for personnel to practise yoga every day without fail.She fondly remembered the support extended by the KSRP commandant, who provided accommodation and even arranged a separate room for conducting online sessions because of network issues outside the campus.

QUICK READ

Major power cut alert across Mandya district

MANDYA

Due to link line work on F-12 Gopalapura IP route from Chikkamandya MUSS, a planned power outage will be observed on May 9 from 10 am to 6 pm in Mandya district. Electricity supply will be suspended for maintenance and safety work. Villages affected include Gopalapura, H Kodihalli, H Kodihalli Farm, H Malligere, H Malligere Farm, Jeegundipatna, and B Hosur Colony. Officials said the shutdown is necessary for line improvement work. Assistant Executive Engineer S Srikanth of Mandya Chavisani Keragodu Sub-Division issued the statement and requested public cooperation during the outage period. Residents are advised to plan accordingly now today.

Chitradurga recruitment process underway for vacant posts

CHITRADURGA

The Chitradurga Zilla Panchayat has published the list of eligible candidates who applied online for direct recruitment to vacant Tax Collector posts in Gram Panchayats across the district. Candidates can check the list on the official website chitradurga.nic.in. Officials stated that objections related to the published list can be submitted to the Zilla Panchayat office until 5 pm on May 22. The recruitment process is being carried out for several vacant posts in the district. Candidates have been advised to verify their details carefully and submit objections within the deadline if any corrections or clarifications are required officially.

Two youths die in car collision accident

Davanagere

Two youths died on the spot in a car collision on the national highway near Shamanur in Davanagere city late last night. The victims were Gautham aged 29 and Manoj aged 29, both residents of Davanagere. They were returning home after attending a wedding ceremony when the accident occurred. Police said the car was being driven at high speed, which likely caused the crash. Both cars were heavily damaged in the impact and traffic police reached the spot immediately. An investigation has been started by Davanagere traffic police to find the exact cause. Locals expressed shock over the accident and said speeding on highways has become a major concern in the region.

₹10 crore road push boosts rural Magadi growth

MLA Balakrishna focuses on welfare schemes and infrastructure, with ongoing rural development despite administrative pressure and local support

MAGADI

Rural development works worth more than ten crore rupees are underway in Magadi taluk under the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan scheme aimed at improving village infrastructure and connectivity, said Block Congress President K Krishnamurthy on Friday.He was speaking after performing a traditional puja for a new concrete road project worth fifty lakh rupees in Karagadahalli village under Taggikuppe Gram Panchayat limits.Krishnamurthy said that due to efforts of local MLA H C Balakrishna, several development grants have been sanctioned for villages across the constituency.He said that funds have been allocated in phases including thirty lakh rupees for Taggikuppe, fifty lakh for Baichapur, eighty lakh and one crore sixty lakh rupees for various road works earlier.

In the current phase, fifty lakh rupees each has been released for Karagadahalli, Kempasagar, Managallu, Sonnenahalli and Mattikere villages for road construction.

He added that foundation work for these projects will begin within the next two days.According to him, MLA Balakrishna has been focusing on both government guarantee schemes and infrastructure development to improve living conditions in rural areas.He said development works are progressing even with administrative pressure, as local leaders are actively supporting implementation on the ground.Krishnamurthy also stressed the importance of quality in construction work and said officials are closely monitoring road projects including white topping work from Gandhinagar Circle to the private bus stand and Baichapur road.He said that contractors have been instructed to maintain high standards without compromising quality during execution.On political matters, he said a new committee will soon be formed to strengthen the Congress party at the local level.

He added that a workshop will be conducted under the leadership of former MP D K Suresh and MLA H C Balakrishna to guide party organisation activities.

He also said the recent by election result reflected public support for government welfare guarantee schemes.

Several local leaders including gram panchayat members and contractors participated in the event, expressing support for ongoing development works in the region.Officials and residents said the road projects are expected to improve village connectivity, ease transportation, and support overall economic activity in rural Magadi in the coming months with better access and mobility for daily commuters and farmers across the taluk significantly and sustainably.

Mandya seed festival highlights indigenous seed conservation

Vice Chancellor said quality seeds, crop diversity, and water-efficient farming are vital for yield, stability, and sustainability

MANDYA

The importance of seeds in agriculture and the need to conserve indigenous varieties was highlighted at the Seed Festival and Pre Monsoon Movement 2026 held at the University of Agricultural Sciences V C Farm in Mandya.Vice Chancellor Dr. K C Narayanaswamy inaugurated the programme and said that good quality seeds play a major role in crop growth, higher yield and financial stability for farmers. He said that in the present situation of climate change and water scarcity farmers should shift to crops that require less water and adopt better water management practices. He also stressed that crop diversity can help farmers reduce financial risk and improve long term sustainability in farming.Dr Narayanaswamy gave special importance to the conservation of indigenous seeds and urged farmers to actively participate in preserving them. He appealed to farmers to inform the university if they possess unique or high quality traditional seeds so that they can be scientifically studied and improved. He said the university would take responsibility for developing such seeds through research and distributing them to other farmers for wider benefit. He added that the university had produced around five thousand tonnes of seeds last year and continues to work towards strengthening agricultural education research and extension activities. He also said that research based improved seed varieties are being successfully delivered to farmers through extension programmes.Retired Registrar Dr Basava Gowda, who attended as chief guest, said that good seeds planted in fertile soil always result in better yield. He suggested that similar awareness programmes should be organised at district level and requested government support for free transport facilities for farmers attending such events. He also said agriculture today offers many opportunities and farmers should make use of modern agricultural knowledge to become self reliant and economically strong.The programme was presided over by Dr G M Devagiri, Director of Research, along with several senior officials and scientists from the university. Experts Dr Thimmegowda and Dr K P Krishnaprasad shared technical knowledge with farmers during the event.More than one thousand farmers from Mandya Mysuru Chamarajanagar Hassan and Kodagu participated along with students scientists and conservationists.Over thirty exhibition stalls showcased modern farming technologies seeds and innovative agricultural practices providing useful information and guidance to visiting farmers throughout the day effectively and successfully.

Summer camps boost children creativity and confidence: Vaishali

CHITRADURGA

District Disabled Welfare Officer J Vaishali said summer camps play an important role in developing children's creativity, confidence, and active personality. She spoke during the closing ceremony of a 15 day children's summer camp organized at the Bal Bhavan auditorium in Chitradurga city.The camp was jointly organized by the State Bal Bhavan Society, Zilla Panchayat, Women and Child Development Department, and District Bal Bhavan Committee. Addressing parents and children, Vaishali said such activities help identify hidden talents among children and encourage them to use their time productively during holidays.

She noted that excessive use of mobile phones and television during summer vacations is creating health problems among children according to recent studies. She said camps like these help reduce screen time and encourage learning through practical and cultural activities. Children at the camp received training in music, drama, painting, yoga, karate, and dance.Child Development Project Officer and District Child Protection Officer in-charge Veena said children should learn values, culture, and discipline from an early age. She added that special attractions this year included fire brigade demonstrations, reptile awareness sessions, and talking doll programmes.

Assistant Child Development Project Officer Manjula urged parents to support children in creative activities along with regular studies. District Bal Bhavan Manager P Suresh said 95 children participated and successfully completed the camp.

Certificates were distributed to all participants during the event. Children also performed cultural programmes and displayed handicrafts and paintings prepared during the training sessions, which attracted appreciation from parents and guests.

Officials said such camps help children improve social skills, confidence, teamwork, and creativity while also giving them a healthy environment for learning and personal development during school vacations in the district.

Discipline key to career success says Expert

TUMAKURU

Naresh Kumar, Assistant Vice President and Product Manager at Infosys, advised students that discipline, patience and punctuality are essential for building a successful career. He was speaking after inaugurating Technodia 2026, a technical event held at Sri Siddhartha Technical College in Tumakuru.

He told students not to run behind money at the beginning of their careers. Instead, he said they should focus on doing good work and achieving success, and money will follow naturally. He also highlighted the importance of giving priority to customers in the industry, saying customer satisfaction is the foundation of any successful business.

Farmer dies by suicide over mounting debts

HUNSUR

A farmer named Siddaraju, son of Kaglinayak, from Hanagodu hobli Vaddambalu village in Hunsur taluk, has died by suicide due to debt. He lived with his wife and two children and had taken multiple loans for farming. Poor returns from tobacco and ginger crops made it difficult to repay debts, leading to severe financial stress.

On the day of the incident he was found dead in his farmland. Police at the rural station have registered a case and started investigation. Former MLA H P Manjunath visited the village, consoled the grieving family, and spoke to reporters. He urged officials over phone to ensure compensation and support from the government for the bereaved family.

Mentally ill man rescued linked to murder case

MANGALURU

A shocking twist emerged for a Mangaluru-based social service organisation after a mentally unstable man rescued from the streets was later found to be an accused in a murder case in Tamil Nadu.

The incident came to light after staff members of the rehabilitation organisation, which works for destitute people and mentally ill individuals, received information a few months ago about a man lying in a helpless condition on a roadside in Mangaluru.When the team reached the spot, they found the man in a severely disturbed mental and physical state. He was unable to walk properly and had multiple health issues, including injuries and fungal infections across his body. The organisation shifted him to its shelter home and arranged medical treatment and counselling.After gradual recovery, the man identified himself as Aneesh Kumar and revealed his mother's name as Radha. Locals reportedly informed the staff that he had once been employed but later became mentally unstable and ended up on the streets.The organisation later attempted to trace his family using the information provided by him. However, when they contacted a woman working at a hospital in Tamil Nadu, she reportedly denied having a son.

Despite this, Aneesh Kumar repeatedly expressed his desire to return home. While continuing their efforts, the organisation eventually contacted a police station in Pudukkottai district of Tamil Nadu.Police then informed the organisation that Aneesh Kumar was an accused in a murder case registered under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code on April 25, 2024.

Shivamogga and Vijayanagar to get new Kanteerava Studio units: Mehbub Pasha

SHIVAMOGGA

Kanteerava Studios is planning to set up new units in Shivamogga and Vijayanagar districts with the aim of decentralising film production activities and creating more opportunities for local artists, said Kanteerava Studios Chairman Mehbub Pasha.

Speaking to reporters after holding discussions with Shivamogga Deputy Commissioner N. Hemant regarding land allocation for the project, he said that around 25 acres of land has been sought in Shivamogga for establishing the new studio unit.

He added that a letter has already been issued by the Department of Information and Public Relations Secretary, and the process is currently underway.

The initiative aims to reduce the concentration of film production activities in Bengaluru, where space constraints are increasingly being felt. By expanding facilities to other districts, the government hopes to boost local art, culture and employment opportunities for artists.

Shivamogga has been chosen due to its natural landscape, which is considered highly suitable for outdoor shooting. Its proximity to coastal and Malnad regions such as Karwar, Udupi, Mangaluru and Chikkamagaluru further strengthens its suitability for film production activities.

The proposed facility will include not only shooting floors but also modern technical infrastructure such as recording and lab development units, enabling end-to-end film production in a single location.

Pasha said the expansion is being planned as part of the diamond jubilee celebrations of the Kanteerava Studios in Bengaluru, which has completed 60 years.

He also informed that he has met Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda regarding the proposal, and the minister has responded positively to the project.

SCIENTIFIC FARMING DRIVE

Agricultural equipment distribution held in Magadi taluk

MAGADI

A comprehensive agricultural equipment distribution and training programme aimed at strengthening farmers through scientific farming methods was successfully held at Chandurayanahalli Agricultural Science Centre in Magadi taluk. The event was jointly organised under the All India Integrated Research Project on Seeds (Crops) of Bengaluru Agricultural University and the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan initiative for adopted villages.

Research Director of the Agricultural University, Dr. Mudalagiriyappa, inaugurated the programme and stressed the importance of soil and water conservation for the long-term sustainability of agriculture. He urged farmers to adopt scientific farming practices by making use of government and university support systems.Extension Director Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah explained how farmers can become self-reliant in selecting and producing quality seeds. He encouraged them to adopt modern agricultural technologies with guidance from agricultural science centres. Special Officer of the seed scheme Dr. Vishwanath said the programme is designed as a complete package to strengthen the overall farming system. Farmers were provided with high-quality seeds including millets and maize, along with soil nutrients such as organic matter, natural NPK mixtures, soil health enhancers and plant growth stimulants. Agricultural tools like tarpaulins, seed storage bins, spades, pickaxes and hand weeders were also distributed.In the technical training session, experts explained crop management techniques, seed production methods and proper storage practices. Scientists Dr. G. Pramod, Dr. A.B. Narayana Reddy and others shared practical guidance with farmers.Senior scientists, agricultural officers, FPO representatives and farmers from various parts of the district participated in the programme and benefited from the training sessions aimed at improving agricultural productivity and income.

GTTC training boosts rural youth future prospects

CHITRADURGA

Karnataka State Safai Karmacharis Commission Chairman P Raghu said students from rural areas can secure bright future with 100 percent employment if they use GTTC diploma courses. He spoke after visiting Government Toolbox and Training Centre GTTC on Old Bangalore Road in Chitradurga. He inspected practical labs and workshops and interacted with students. He said long term and short term diploma courses offered by the institute are important in the current technological era. He added that it is a matter of pride that such a training centre exists in Chitradurga district. He encouraged SSLC passed students to join technical courses and quickly enter the job market. He said skill based education is essential for employment opportunities. He also appreciated hands on training provided at the centre.

QUICK READ

Unidentified body found in Hunsagi forest area

HUNSAGI

Forest officials found the body of an unidentified 35-year-old man in Rayanagola Thangadabil forest area of Narayanpur. It was noticed during patrol on May 5 in survey area 38/2. Condition of the body was suspicious and badly damaged causing concern among locals. Police PSI Ayyappa, ASI Ningappa and forest officer Kashinath visited the spot and inspected it. A case has been registered at Narayanpur police station and investigation is underway to identify the deceased and cause of death. Officials said further forensic examination and inquiry will continue. Locals are urged to cooperate with police investigation process

Andhra Pradesh Governor visits Magistrate's Office

MANGALURU

Andhra Pradesh Governor Justice Abdul Nazeer visited the District Magistrate's Office in Mangaluru on Friday. Deputy Commissioner H V Darshan welcomed him. He visited various departments and appreciated the new building design. He also saw the list of past District Magistrates. The Governor was given a Yakshagana style memento by officials. Tight security was arranged during the visit. Additional District Magistrate Raju K was present. Officials said the Governor praised the office facilities and administrative work during his visit. Public officials and staff were present and the visit ended peacefully with full arrangements made by administration in the city

Missing toddler traced safely after 12-hour search

CHIKKAMAGALURU

A one-and-a-half-year-old boy who went missing from an estate in Mudigere taluk was safely traced by police after an extensive overnight search operation.The incident was reported from Kelaguru Estate coming under the limits of Balur Police Station. The missing child, identified as Shivam, is the son of Gonu and Sona, a couple originally from Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh.According to police, the family had arrived at the estate three days ago for work. On May 6 at around 5 pm, Shivam was reportedly playing near the house when he suddenly went missing, triggering panic among family members and estate workers.The worried parents later lodged a complaint at Balur Police Station.

Minister Gundu Rao directs officials on proper fund utilisation

The Minister said MLA meeting will prioritise key areas and accelerate development works using available funds

MANGALURU

Health and Family Welfare and District In-charge Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has directed officials to hold a meeting soon with district MLAs to decide the proper use of the District Mineral Rehabilitation Fund for development of mining affected areas.

He was speaking while chairing a review meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's office on Friday regarding the utilisation of the fund.

Officials said the fund is being used to improve basic facilities such as roads, schools, and anganwadi buildings in areas affected by mining activities like stone quarrying, sand extraction, and crusher operations.

Since 2015, about forty seven point six two crore rupees has been collected under the fund. A portion of mining royalty, around ten rupees per unit, is also contributed to this rehabilitation account.

The Minister said the upcoming meeting with MLAs will focus on identifying priority areas and speeding up development works using the available funds.

Deputy Commissioner Darshan H V informed that development works are allowed within a five kilometre radius of mining zones and said fifty seven projects have already been completed at a cost of around three crore forty two lakh rupees.

He added that about one crore fifty nine lakh rupees was used for health related facilities during the Covid period.

In a separate discussion on monsoon preparedness, Minister Gundu Rao instructed officials to identify flood prone and landslide sensitive areas and take preventive steps immediately.

He directed departments to revisit areas affected by flooding and landslides last year and strengthen safety measures before heavy rains begin.

Officials said cleaning of storm water drains and major canals is being carried out on priority to avoid water logging during the monsoon.

Eight coastal erosion prone locations have been identified and precautionary measures are being taken.

Control rooms have been set up at district and taluk levels for emergency response and will function round the clock.

Disaster response teams including SDRF are already active in the district while National Disaster Response Force deployment is expected by the end of May.

Authorities said identification of ninety two flood prone areas and eighty eight landslide sensitive zones is in progress and public alerts are being issued regularly.

Officials assured that coordinated efforts between departments are being strengthened to reduce monsoon related risks and protect lives and property across Mangaluru region this season effectively and in a timely manner for public safety.

Ajay Singh calls for long term regional development planning

KALABURAGI

Dr. Singh said development must prioritise human capital alongside infrastructure, noting ₹23,704 crore under Article 371J with ₹17,000 crore already allocated for projects

Kalyan Karnataka Region Development Board Chairman and MLA Dr. Ajay Singh has called for long term visionary planning to ensure balanced and sustainable development in the region over the next five years.

He was speaking at a workshop on "Kalyan Karnataka Development Vision 2026 to 2031" held in Kalaburagi on Friday through video conference.

Dr. Singh said that development should not focus only on infrastructure and investment but must also prioritise building human capital in education, health, social welfare and economic sectors.

He noted that since the implementation of Article 371J, the region has received around twenty three thousand seven hundred four crore rupees in funds, with more than seventeen thousand crore already allocated for various development works.

He said major progress has been made in agriculture, irrigation, education, health, roads and infrastructure across the region through these investments.

However, he pointed out that despite spending large amounts of money, per capita income growth in the region remains low compared to other parts of Karnataka.

He said Bengaluru city district has a per capita income of over nine lakh rupees while Kalaburagi district stands at only around one lakh sixty nine thousand rupees, showing a wide development gap.

Dr. Singh said issues such as regional inequality, malnutrition, weak education and health systems and low human development index continue to challenge the region.

He stressed the need for collecting accurate ground level data and preparing new action plans with innovative ideas to address these problems.

Economist Prof. Govinda Rao also spoke at the event and said that despite Karnataka being a fast growing state, North Karnataka and Kalyan Karnataka continue to lag behind in development.

He added that economic growth cannot be achieved through financial investment alone and effective use of human and natural resources is essential.

Officials said a committee report has suggested an allocation of around forty three thousand nine hundred fourteen crore rupees for development works in the next five years.

KKRDB officials also shared progress reports stating that out of over forty five thousand approved works, more than thirty six thousand have already been completed across different districts.

The workshop was attended by regional officials, district administrators and experts who discussed strategies to improve education, health, employment and infrastructure development in the region through coordinated long term planning and stronger implementation mechanisms for sustainable growth and equality across all districts in Kalyan Karnataka.

Girija said complaints remain uninvestigated, action targets complainants, citizens face repeated office visits, and corruption is ignored

Dalit Sangharsh Committee alleges misuse of recovery notices

YADGIR

The Dalit Sangharsh Committee has alleged that recovery notices issued to complainants are being used as a tool to suppress their struggle and silence protest voices. The allegation was made by state women coordinator Girija during a press conference held at the district press house in Yadgir.

She claimed that Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officers have issued recovery notices to people who had earlier filed complaints under the Right to Information Act and later withdrew them. According to her, this is being done deliberately to target leaders of pro-Dalit organisations and weaken their movement.

Girija said it is unfortunate that thousands of complaints remain pending without proper investigation, while action is being taken against complainants instead. She alleged that citizens are getting tired of visiting government offices repeatedly, while corruption issues are being ignored.

She warned that the organisation will initiate legal action after consulting state-level leaders if the situation continues.

Another member, Lakshmana R. Halisagara, also spoke at the press meet and said he has been working as a kitchen assistant in the Social Welfare Department for eight years without receiving salary. He said repeated requests to authorities have not brought any response.

He further alleged that some complainants were forced to withdraw cases due to pressure, threats and influence from powerful individuals and officials. He said he later refiled his complaint seeking a proper investigation.

He also expressed anger that his name was mentioned in a press release without prior notice, calling it a violation of dignity and human rights.

Other committee members including Rayappa Salimani and Chandrasekhara Natekar were present at the press conference.

Mehboob Pasha announces decentralised film production plan

SHIVAMOGGA

Kanteerava Studios President Mehboob Pasha said that new studio units are proposed to be set up in Shivamogga and Vijayanagar districts with the aim of decentralising film production and creating more opportunities for local artists.He spoke to reporters after meeting Deputy Commissioner N. Hemanth at the Shivamogga district commissioner's office regarding land allocation for the project. He said a request has been submitted for around 25 acres of land in Jajuhalli village of Haranahalli hobli in Shivamogga taluk.

According to him, a letter has already been issued by the Information and Public Relations Department Secretary, and the process is currently underway.

MANGALURU FACES PERSISTENT ILLEGAL WASTE DUMPING PROBLEM

Mangaluru

Even as Mangaluru City Corporation spends crores of rupees annually on waste management and door-to-door garbage collection, illegal dumping of waste along roadsides, empty plots, markets and drainage areas continues to remain a major civic concern.

Though sanitation workers regularly clear garbage heaps from black spot areas, waste reappears at the same locations within days, exposing gaps in public awareness and enforcement measures.

Officials said the corporation has implemented systematic waste collection, segregation of dry and wet waste, awareness drives and penalties for violations. However, garbage dumping by residents, roadside eateries and some commercial establishments continues unabated.

Several roads across the city including Kadri-Nanthoor Road, Bhojaraj Lane, Mathadakani Road, Central Market Road, Bandar Road and areas near Kottara and the District Panchayat office have emerged as major dumping spots.Plastic bags filled with liquor bottles, food packets, footwear, clothes and other household waste are commonly seen dumped along roadsides.

Sanitation workers say another major challenge is that wet and dry waste are mixed together, making segregation difficult during collection and disposal.Residents have also alleged that some students, labourers and employees staying in rented houses and apartments from outside districts and states dump waste irresponsibly on roadsides. The growing garbage heaps are causing foul smell, mosquito breeding and stray dog menace in several areas. In some places, waste is being burnt openly, leading to air pollution concerns.Civic activists have demanded stricter monitoring, beautification of cleaned areas, heavy penalties against offenders and continuous awareness campaigns at the ward level to tackle the issue permanently.

Housing project for poor families in Surathkal hits financial roadblock

SURATHKAL

The construction of a massive G+3 residential housing complex in Ward No. 6 of the Mangaluru North Assembly constituency has slowed down due to a severe financial crunch, raising concerns among hundreds of families awaiting homes under the project.

The project, which aims to provide nearly 600 houses for poor and homeless families, was launched as a major urban housing initiative. Though around 65 percent of the work has already been completed, lack of funds has stalled further progress.

Officials said the total estimated cost of the project is around Rs 40 crore, out of which nearly Rs 25 crore

worth of work has been completed so far. Authorities estimate that an additional Rs 10 to 15 crore is required to complete the remaining construction.

Since projects exceeding Rs 5 crore require government approval, the Mangaluru City Corporation is expected to place a proposal before its next general body meeting and seek additional funding from the government.

The housing complex is being developed with facilities similar to private apartment complexes, including electricity, drinking water supply, drainage systems, roads and streetlights.

Each house will have an area of 300 square feet and is estimated to cost nearly Rs 5 lakh. Every block will contain 16 houses.

The project is being implemented jointly by the Centre, the Karnataka government and the Mangaluru City Corporation. Beneficiaries are being selected through a lottery system from nearly 6,000 applicants.

However, delays in funding have cast uncertainty over completion of the project, which was originally expected to be finished by 2023.

RURAL GROWTH PROGRAM

Cleanliness campaign held around thirty three institutions

BENGALURU

As part of efforts to improve cleanliness standards and achieve a better ranking in Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, the Bengaluru Central City Corporation conducted a special cleanliness drive around 33 schools and colleges within its limits.

Additional Commissioner (Development) Daljit Kumar said the campaign was carried out under the corporation's action plan and was part of its 11th phase of cleanliness activities. He said the focus of the drive was to maintain hygienic surroundings near educational institutions and create awareness among students and the public about avoiding littering.

Officials said maintaining clean surroundings around schools and colleges is essential for the health and well-being of students. Awareness programmes were also conducted to encourage people to keep public spaces clean and avoid waste dumping near campuses.

A total of 273 sanitation workers, including 198 pourakarmikas and 75 other staff members, participated in the drive. They worked together to clean the surroundings of the selected educational institutions and remove accumulated waste.

During the operation, around 34.7 quintals of waste were collected and disposed of safely by the sanitation teams. Officials said the drive helped improve hygiene conditions in the selected areas and strengthened the ongoing cleanliness efforts in the city.

Corporation officials including DGM Bhimesh Nayak and other administrative staff were present and supervised the campaign activities.

The corporation said similar cleanliness drives will continue in other parts of the city in the coming days as part of its broader goal to achieve a cleaner and healthier urban environment under Swachh Survekshan guidelines.

Bank employees stage silent protest

KALABURAGI

Bank employees in Kalaburagi held a silent protest at Jagat Circle on Friday to raise their demands ahead of a nationwide strike scheduled for May 25 and 26 called by their federation.

Employees said they are facing long pending issues including recruitment shortages delay in promotions and workload pressure. They demanded immediate recruitment of messengers and armed guards along with filling vacant posts in banks.

They also urged implementation of ICT transfer benefits for employees recruited since 2019. Another key demand was to stop outsourcing of permanent posts and ensure job security for staff. Workers also sought resolution of pay equity issues and improvements in salary structure. They requested an option for National Pension System employees to shift to pension fund management.

Better staffing levels and improved medical reimbursement facilities were also demanded by the union. Union leaders said repeated appeals to management have not received proper response so far. Due to this they said the nationwide strike has become unavoidable.

QUICK READ

Joint cleanliness drive conducted at Badrinath Dham

Badrinath Dham
A joint cleanliness drive was conducted at the Badrinath Dham by personnel from the Police, ITBP, and SDRF on Friday under the pledge, Clean Dham... Safe Dham. During the campaign, the personnel carried out extensive cleaning of the temple premises, the Tapt Kund, the riverbanks, and surrounding areas, spreading the message of hygiene and cleanliness among devotees and visitors. In view of the continuously increasing number of pilgrims participating in the Char Dham Yatra, all personnel participated in the cleanliness drive with great enthusiasm and a strong sense of responsibility to maintain the sanctity and cleanliness of the holy shrine.

Rajasthan witnesses heatwave and cloudy skies simultaneously

Jaipur
Rajasthan, these days, is witnessing a rare weather as intense heat is being recorded in parts of the western part of the state while rains and winds are lashing in other parts of the state, weather officials said on Friday. In last 24 hours, while Jaisalmer recorded the highest maximum temperature in the state at 45.1 degrees Celsius, Dausa registered the highest rainfall of 14.2 mm rainfall. Meanwhile, several districts of eastern Rajasthan witnessed rain, gusty winds, and hailstorms, while western Rajasthan continued to reel under scorching heat, with temperatures crossing 45 degrees Celsius in some areas.

Ind -NZ Free Trade Agreement Seen as Major Boost to Global Trade Stability

The recently concluded Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and New Zealand is being viewed internationally as a landmark step toward strengthening economic cooperation between the two democracies.

NEW DELHI

According to reports, the India-New Zealand FTA represents a major advancement in restoring balance to global trade following the tariff disputes triggered by U.S. President Donald Trump during his trade war policies.

Trade relations between India and New Zealand have steadily expanded over the last several years, and the newly signed agreement is expected to accelerate that growth significantly. Bilateral trade between the two nations increased from approximately $900 million during 2019-20 to nearly $1.3 billion in 2024-25. India's exports to New Zealand recorded particularly

strong growth, rising from $379 million to $711 million during the same period. Imports from New Zealand also increased, moving from $522 million to $587 million.

Although the overall scale of trade between the two countries remains relatively modest compared to larger global trading partnerships, analysts believe the structure and scope of the new agreement provide strong potential for sustained and long-term expansion. The agreement reflects growing economic interdependence and highlights areas where both countries can benefit through increased cooperation and exchange.

The historic agreement, eliminates tariffs on 100 percent of India's exports to New Zealand. In return, tariffs on 95 percent of New Zealand's exports to India will either be sharply reduced or completely removed. Experts say this will improve market access for businesses in both countries and encourage higher levels of investment and trade activity.

One of the most notable features of the agreement is New Zealand's commitment to invest $20 billion in India over the next 15 years. The investment pledge has drawn comparisons to the $100 billion investment commitment offered by the European Free Trade Association in its own trade pact with India.

The FTA also places strong emphasis on mobility opportunities for students and skilled professionals. For the first time, New Zealand has signed a dedicated annex on student mobility and post-study work visas with another country.

Under the arrangement, Indian students studying in New Zealand will be allowed to work up to 20 hours per week during their studies and will also benefit from extended post-study work visa opportunities.

Two police constables commit suicide in separate incidents

BHOPAL

In separate incidents, two police constables ended their lives in Khandwa and Chhatarpur districts of Madhya Pradesh, officials said on Friday.The first incident came to light in Khandwa, where the body of a personnel identified as Ansingh Nargawe was found hanging near the Balaji Dham colony under the jurisdiction of the Padmnagar police station.According to the police, a bag near the spot has also been recovered, which helped identify him as a resident of Murari village in the Barwani district.Nargawe was officially posted as a constable at the Gudh police station in Rewa and was reportedly on a five-day leave at the time of the incident.The police have sent the body for a postmortem examination; however, the specific reasons driving him to take such an extreme step remain under investigation.

Canadian Envoy Holds Key Talks with Naveen Patnaik and Odisha Deputy CM

BHUBANESWAR

During a courtesy visit to Naveen Patnaik's residence in Bhubaneswar, the Canadian delegation discussed a wide range of issues related to Odisha's economic growth and development. Patnaik, who is also president of the Biju Janata Dal, reportedly exchanged views with the delegation on how Canada could contribute to Odisha's expanding industrial and economic landscape.

The discussions mainly centered on strengthening trade relations, attracting foreign investment, and exploring long-term cooperation between Canadian businesses and Odisha's emerging sectors. Officials indicated that both sides recognized the growing importance of Odisha in India's industrial and energy future.

Earlier the Canadian High Commissioner and his wife met Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo at Lok Seva Bhawan. The meeting covered several strategic areas including agri-export, technological collaboration, bilateral trade, clean energy, and industrial development.

According to an official statement, Singh Deo highlighted Odisha's dominant position in India's mineral sector. He noted that the state holds nearly 92 percent of the country's chromite reserves and also possesses substantial rare earth mineral deposits along its coastline. These natural resources have made Odisha an attractive destination for global investment, particularly in mining and value-added manufacturing industries.

The Canadian delegation reportedly expressed strong

The High Commissioner of Canada to India, Christopher Cooter, held important discussions with senior leaders in Odisha during his visit to the state on Friday.

interest in Odisha's automobile sector and other industrial investment opportunities. Discussions also focused on leveraging technology partnerships to promote sustainable industrial growth and innovation-driven development.

During the interaction, Singh Deo briefed the Canadian delegation on Odisha's historical background, cultural heritage, and agricultural economy. He emphasized the state government's commitment to balancing traditional values with modern economic progress. The Deputy Chief Minister stated that Odisha welcomes international partnerships that can bring advanced technology, foreign investment, and wider market access while ensuring sustainable and inclusive development.

Odisha's improving business environment was also highlighted during the discussions.

The state has been classified under the Achiever category in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business rankings, reflecting improvements in policy stability, infrastructure development, and investor-friendly governance.

A major point of interest during the talks was Odisha's emerging leadership in renewable energy. Out of the three Green Hydrogen Hubs planned across India, two are set to be established in Odisha at Paradip and Gopalpur.

DMK Seeks Separate Seating in Lok Sabha after Split with Cong

CHENNAI

DMK Parliamentary Party leader Kanimozhi Karunanidhi has written to Om Birla seeking an independent seating block for DMK MPs in the Lok Sabha. In her communication, Kanimozhi stated that the political relationship between the DMK and Congress had undergone a significant change following the collapse of the alliance, making the current shared seating arrangement no longer appropriate.

She urged the Lok Sabha Speaker to make the necessary arrangements to allocate separate seating for the DMK Parliamentary Party so that its members could function independently and carry out their parliamentary duties effectively.

The request comes in the wake of major political developments in Tamil Nadu after the recently concluded Assembly elections. The Congress had contested the polls as part of the DMK-led alliance, but political equations changed dramatically after the election results produced a fractured mandate in the state.

Following the elections, the Congress extended support to actor-politician C. Joseph Vijay and his party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, a move that reportedly angered the DMK leadership.

Senior DMK leaders reacted strongly to the Congress decision, accusing the national party of political betrayal at a critical moment. During meetings involving newly elected DMK legislators and party officials, the leadership openly criticised Congress for shifting its support and altering the political landscape after the elections.

Political observers view the request for separate seating in Parliament as more than a procedural matter. It is being seen as a symbolic indication of the widening distance between the two parties and a formal acknowledgment that their alliance has effectively ended.

The DMK and Congress had worked closely together for several years in both Tamil Nadu and at the national level, often presenting a united front against the Bharatiya Janata Party and its allies. The latest developments, however, suggest a significant reshaping of opposition politics in Tamil Nadu and potentially at the national level as well.

Human Activity Affecting Tiger Breeding in India's Reserves

HYDERABAD

Tourism and human activity are pushing India's tigers towards stress and affecting their breeding, reveals a new study at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB).The study, published in the Zoological Society of London journal Animal Conservation, is the first to combine non-invasive stress and reproductive hormone analyses from tigers across five major Indian tiger reserves: Corbett (Uttarakhand), Tadoba–Andhari (Maharashtra), Kanha and Bandhavgarh (Madhya Pradesh), and Periyar (Kerala).The study highlights issues for each of these tiger reserves to inform better tiger management, the CSIR-CCMB said in a release on Friday.

Many previous studies by Dr G. Umapathy at the CSIR-CCMB had established that tourism and other anthropogenic activities in tiger reserves cause stress in tigers. This time, he led the team to systematically assess how human activities affect tiger breeding.

Ahmedabad Plane Crash Probe in Final Stage, Report Likely Within a Month: Aviation Minister

NEW DELHI

Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Friday said that the investigation into the crash of Air India Flight AI 171, which claimed 260 lives in Ahmedabad, is in its final stages and is likely to be completed within a month. Naidu made the remarks while speaking on the sidelines of the second edition of the Aircraft Leasing and Financing Summit held at GIFT City in Gandhinagar. The crash investigation is in the final stage and could even be completed in a month. However, the investigation is being done by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) and we don't interfere in it. We are giving them all the resources they need, the minister said.

Drug peddler arrested in J&K's Anantnag, 'charas' recovered during checking

SRINAGAR

A drug peddler has been arrested in J&K's Anantnag district and 'charas' recovered from him during checking, police said on Friday.

A police statement said that continuing its sustained crackdown against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Anantnag police on Friday arrested a drug peddler and recovered a consignment of charas during naka checking in the district.

According to officials, a police party from Police Post GBS was conducting naka checking at the Muslim Abad area of Anantnag when a suspicious vehicle bearing registration number JK01P-8668, going towards KP Road, was intercepted.

Police said that upon being signalled to stop, the driver attempted to flee from the spot. However, the alert police personnel chased and intercepted the vehicle, successfully apprehending the accused.

During preliminary questioning, the accused identified himself as Milad Ayoub, son of Mohammad Ayoub Mir, a resident of Nai Basti, Anantnag. Officials stated that during the search of the vehicle, a polythene bag concealed beneath the driver's seat was recovered, containing approximately 95 grams of charas powder-like substance.

In this regard, FIR No. 136/2026 under Section 8/20 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Anantnag, and an investigation has been initiated to trace both forward and backward linkages of the narcotics network.Anantnag police reiterated its commitment towards eradicating the menace of drugs from the district and appealed to the general public to cooperate with the police by sharing information regarding drug peddling.

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ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಂಕ್ರಾಮಿಕ ರೋಗಗಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಕೆ.ಜಿ.ಎಫ್ ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಮೂರು ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳ ಒಳರೋಗಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಥ್ಯಾಹಾರ ಸಾಮಾಗ್ರಿ/ಸಿದ್ಧಪಡಿಸಿದ ಪಥ್ಯಾಹಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಬ್ರೆಡ್ ಪೂರೈಕೆ ಸರಬರಾಜುಗಾಗಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಶಸ್ತ್ರಚಿಕಿತ್ಸಕರು, ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಕೆ.ಜಿ.ಎಫ್
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಕೋಲಾರ/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:65/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2026–27

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA
No:EE:PWD:CTA:DN:AE-1:Tender- 07:2026-27 Dt: 08.05.2026

SHORTTERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division, Chitradurga is inviting tenders for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the work to be taken up under 5054-80-190-0-01-132 KRDCL as per Standard Bidding Document and KPWD Norms.

Name of work:- Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the work Reconstruction of Bridge and Improvements of approach roads at chainage km. 0.80 on NH150A Nagasamudra cross to Hucchangidurga via Nadasamudra road in Molakalmuru Taluk.

EMD Details may be obtained through KPPP Portal

Tender Process Details : (1) Tender Dcoument can be downloaded in KPPP Portal from 08.05.2026 to 15.05.2026 upto 16.00 Hours **(2)** Pre bid meeting on 12.05.2026 at 11.30 Hours (o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Chitradurga) (3) Last date & Time for Receipt of Tenders 15.05.2026 upto 16.30 Hours **(4)** Date & Time for opening of Technical bid 16.05.2026 at 16.45 Hours **(5)** Date & Time of Opening of Financial Proposal: will be informed separately to those consultants whose technical proposal is accepted. **(6)** Corrigendums, Addendums and Modifications in Notification if any will be published in KPPP Portal only. Terms of Reference may be downloaded in KPPP portal of the Government of Karnataka (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from 08.05.2026.

Registered Consultancy firms in KPPP portal are eligible to participate in any number of tender, But on consultancy firm is eligible to obtain Tender. Any information can be obtained from o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Chitradurga during office hours on all working days and also through kppp.karnataka.gov.in KPPP Portal Helpdesk Telephone No. 91 9240214000 & 91 9240214001.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/93/2026-27
Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD, Chitradurga.

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ
ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–562114,
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"ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ"(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು ನಗರಸಭೆ ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರಿಂದ **2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ** ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರ ಮೂಲ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (CMIDP) ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ 02 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಡಿ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿರುವ ವರ್ಗ
1	DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK-INDENT53597/CALL-4	34.00	GENERAL
2	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK-INDENT53602/CALL-4	40.00	GENERAL

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ **23.05.2026 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ **25.05.2026 ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
2)ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home** ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಾ.ಪ್ರ/ಶಿರಡಿಸಾಯಿ/583/2026–27 **ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ.**

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ನೀಸ&ಒಚ(ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ) ವಿಭಾಗ,
ವಾವಿನೀಸ ಆವರಣ, ಯಾದವಗಿರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು– 570 020
ಸಂ.: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾ.ಇಂ./ನೀಸ&ಒಚ (ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ)/ಸ.ಅ./ಟಿಎನ್–03/141/2026–27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.05.2026

ಪೂರ್ಣಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಅನುದಾನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ KTPP ನಿಯಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ವಿವರ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ	ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆ ಒಳಗೆ	ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ
				ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಜಾಲ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ
1	KW-1, KW-2 & Service Tender	06	106.78	08.05.2026	25.05.2026	26.05.2026

ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ: ಮುಂದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸೂಚನೆ/ಬದಲಾವಣೆ/ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
DIPR/MYS/151/SA/2026-27 ನೀಸ&ಒಚ(ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ) ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

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QUICK READ

Rajnath Singh Asks Armed Forces Commanders to Remain Future-Ready

Jaipur

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday called upon the Commanders of the three Services to remain future-ready by drawing lessons from 'Operation Sindoor' as well as the evolving global security landscape. Addressing the second edition of the Joint Commanders' Conference in Jaipur, he described 'Operation Sindoor' as a short-duration, deep-penetration, high-intensity and high-impact operation that showcased India's ability to compel its adversary to surrender. Operation Sindoor is a testament to the swift, precise and joint response of the Indian Defence Forces to safeguard national interests, he said, adding that the operation demonstrated India's growing capabilities and symbolised the nation's collective resolve and new military ethos.

SC Flags Delay in Lakhimpur Kheri Trial

New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Friday expressed disappointment over the slow pace of trial in the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri violence case and directed the trial court to take lawful measures to secure the presence of witnesses while ensuring compliance with the witness protection scheme.

Delhi High Court Defers Hearing on CBI Plea Against Discharge of Kejriwal

Delhi HC on Friday adjourned the hearing on a petition filed by the CBI challenging the discharge of Aam Aadmi Party leaders Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia and others in the alleged Delhi excise policy corruption case.

NEW DELHI

A single-judge bench of Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma deferred the matter to May 11, observing that certain senior advocates had yet to communicate their consent to appear as amici curiae for former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and AAP leader Durgesh Pathak.

The court had earlier indicated that it intended to appoint three senior advocates

to assist in the proceedings after the leaders decided not to take part in the hearing. Justice Sharma had noted earlier this week that the respondents were neither appearing personally nor represented through legal counsel, making the appointment of amici curiae necessary before hearing arguments advanced by the CBI.During Friday's hearing, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, informed the court that replies had already been filed to applications submitted by other accused persons in the matter. He further stated that the question regarding the maintainability of the revision petition would be addressed during his arguments before the court.

The decision of the AAP leaders to abstain from the proceedings came after Justice Sharma declined to recuse herself from hearing the case. In a letter addressed to the court, Kejriwal stated that his hope of getting justice from the present bench had been shattered. Referring to the principle of Satyagraha, he said he would not participate in the proceedings while reserving the right to challenge any adverse order before the Supreme Court.Manish Sisodia also adopted a similar stand, stating that his absence from the proceedings was based on personal conviction and should not be interpreted as disrespect toward the judiciary.The controversy stems from the now-scrapped excise policy introduced by the then AAP-led Delhi government. The CBI has alleged that the policy was manipulated to favour select liquor traders in exchange for kickbacks. However, in a detailed judgment delivered on February 27, the trial court discharged all accused persons in the case.

Gujarat marks 75 years of Somnath Temple reconstruction, inauguration

GANDHINAGAR

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel on Friday highlighted the 75th anniversary of the reconstruction and inauguration of the Somnath Temple in a social media post, marking the occasion as a significant milestone in the temple's modern history.

In his post on social media platform X, Chief Minister Patel said: 75 years ago, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had taken the resolve for the reconstruction of the Somnath Temple.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the sacred site is now witnessing a renewed phase of India's cultural resurgence.

Rajasthan CM Approves Science Stream for Jajod School After Girls Raise Demand

JAIPUR

The issue was raised by students of the Government Senior Secondary School in Jajod during an interaction with the Chief Minister at a 'Ratri Chaupal' programme held in Sikar district. The girls informed Sharma that their school did not offer Science subjects, making it difficult for them to continue their studies in streams of their choice after secondary education.According to the students, the absence of a Science stream compelled many girls either to select subjects that did not match their interests or travel to distant schools to pursue Science education. This posed significant challenges, especially for students from rural backgrounds. Moved by their concerns, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma immediately assured the students that the state government would introduce the Science stream at the school. He directed officials from the Education Department to take the necessary steps without delay and ensure that the process was completed as quickly as possible.The very next morning, while the students were on their way to school, they met the Chief Minister again and repeated their request. Smiling warmly, Sharma informed them that the government.

Delhi LG Sandhu Outlines Five Pillars for Capital's Future, Vows to Restore Yamuna

NEW DELHI

Speaking at the event organised by the School of International Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, of which he is an alumnus, Sandhu said Delhi's future development must balance environmental protection, social inclusion and economic progress. He stressed that governance should remain responsive, accessible and humane to meet the needs of citizens effectively.

Focusing on sustainability, the Lieutenant Governor identified air pollution, restoration of the Yamuna River, rejuvenation of water bodies, efficient waste management, sustainable transport systems and expansion of green cover as critical priorities for the city. He said Delhi must adopt a long-term ecological vision rather than depending only on short-term corrective measures.The Yamuna must not only be cleaned; it must be restored as a vibrant ecological and cultural lifeline of this city, Sandhu said while underlining the importance of environmental conservation in urban planning.He also highlighted the need for stronger public transport infrastructure and environmentally friendly mobility solutions. According to him, electric mobility, pedestrian-friendly roads, cycling infrastructure and integrated urban planning would play a defining role in the next phase of Delhi's transformation.Speaking about inclusive growth, Sandhu said development should benefit every section of society equally. He emphasised that Delhi's future must belong to women, senior citizens, youth, differently-abled individuals, migrant workers, entrepreneurs, students, artists and vulnerable communities alike.

The Lieutenant Governor noted that urban development cannot be restricted to physical infrastructure alone. He stressed the need to strengthen social infrastructure, including healthcare, education, public safety, accessibility and dignity for all citizens.

Highlighting the role of technology in governance, Sandhu said innovation and administration must work together to create transparent and citizen-friendly systems. He stated that the ultimate objective should be governance that remains efficient while also being humane and easily accessible to the public.Sandhu also spoke extensively about Delhi's cultural identity, describing the city as one of the world's richest cultural centres. He said Delhi's monuments, literature, music, crafts, food traditions, languages, museums and festivals collectively represent the soul of the capital.

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Friday emphasised sustainability, inclusion, culture, innovation and economic growth as the five major pillars that will shape the future of the national capital.

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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **Manappuram Home Finance Ltd ("MAHOFIN")** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest *[Act], 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** calling upon the borrowers and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and Interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic** possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said *[Act] read with rule 9 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Manappuram Home Finance Ltd as mentioned below for each of the respective properties:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower and Co-borrower / Loan account number/ Branch	Description Of Secured Asset In Respect Of Which Interest Has Been Created	Date of Demand Notice sent & Outstanding Amount	Date of Possession
1	Gopala Krishna, Lakshmi Bayi, Dasharathanayka, /NLAP0091048182/ Hassan	House Property Bearing No. 152500100101420365, Gram Panchayath Khatha No. 120 And Property Situated At Dasudi Village, Dasudi Gram Panchayath, Chikkanayakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka, Pin: 572218. East-Conservancy & House Property of Sri. Somashekar, West-Vacant Property, South-House Property of Sri. Kumarnayak, North-Road	03-02-2026 & Rs.1009598/-	07-05-2026
2	Dakshyini C, Lokesh N G, /MHL00340019837/ Mysore	Property Bearing No.19/A, Pl.D.No.152100700300820906, Situated At Belavadi Village, Naguvanahalli Gramapanchayath, Srirangapatna Taluk And Mandya District, Karnataka, Pin: 571438. East-Site No. 18, West-Site No. 20, South-Site No. 32, North-Road	09-02-2026 & Rs.196230/-	07-05-2026
3	Gadigeyya Hiremath, Renuka Hiremath, Sidramayya Mallikarjunayya Chikkamath, /MLAP0026052354/ Hubli	Residential Gramthana Property Bearing Vpc No.229/14, Property No.151700203000100406, Situated At Makaravalli Village Within Gondi Gram Panchayat, Tq: Hanagal & Dist: Haveri, Karnataka, Pin: 581102. East-Open Property of Ningappa Chavati, West-Panchayat Road, South- Property of Fakkirappa Master, North- Property of Mukavva F Shyadagup	09-02-2026 & Rs.502233/-	07-05-2026
4	Kaveri Arjun Dummagol, Arjun Yallappa Dummagol, /MLAP0098041275/ Belgaum	G. P. No. 432, Swattin No. 150400602200200353, Situated At Rajakatti Yallapur, Within The Limits of Gram Panchayat Bassapur And Within The Jurisdiction of Sro Hukkeri, Tal: Hukkeri, Dist: Belagavi, Karnataka, Pin: 591243. East-Open Space, West-House of Irappa Yallappa Dummagol, South-Own Open Space, North-Road	10-02-2026 & Rs.423998/-	07-05-2026
5	Vidhya, Manikanta H, Huchhaiah, /MLAP0034038819/ Mysore	Property Bearing No. 56/47/5, Pl.D No.152200413075000108, Situated At Duddagere Grama, Keelanapura Gramapanchayat, Mysore Block, Mysore (D). Karnataka, Pin:570010. East-Site of Siddaiah, West-Road, South-Vacant Site of Manikanta, North-Site of Somanna	13-02-2026 & Rs.441703/-	07-05-2026
6	Prema K, Devaiah K, /MHL00340031807/ Mysore	Property Bearing No. 35/35, Pl.D No.152200602610820045, Situated At Chikka Kammarahalli Grama, Dodda Kammaravalli Gramapanchayat, Periyapatna Block, Mysore (D), Karnataka, Pin: 571187. East-House of Jayamma, West-House of Ramesha, South Panchayath Road, North-House of Manju	13-02-2026 & Rs.264466/-	07-05-2026
7	Lakshmamma M, Mahadevashetty N, Abhishek M, /NHL00340012783/ Mysore	Property Bearing No. 206/1, Pl.D. No.150800102500100707, Situated At Masanapura Grama, Mesanapura Gramapanchayat, Chamarajanagara Block, Chamarajanagara (D), Karnataka, Pin: 571117. East-Property of Nagesh, West-House of Majeba, South-Road & House of Chikkamahadevamma, North-Property of Eshwarappa	13-02-2026 & Rs.503533/-	07-05-2026
8	Kumar N, Deepa P, Vinay Kumar K, /NHL00340001635/ Mysore	Property Bearing No. 493/1, Pl.D No.150800400100201448, Situated At Agara Grama, Agara Gramapanchayat, Yellandur Block, Chamarajanagara (D), Karnataka, Pin: 571442. East-House of Shankar, West-Main Road., South-House of Somanna, North-House of Asha	13-02-2026 & Rs.466620/-	07-05-2026
9	Narasimhappa H, Duggamma, Hanumantharayappa, Anjinamma, /NLAP0143054600/ Nelamangala	Property Bearing Katha No.521 And E-Katha No. 152500600200300938, Situated At Dommathamari Village, Kasaba Hobli, Pavagada Taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka, Pin: 561202. East-CC Road, West-Galli And House of Anjinappa, South-CC Road, North-Galli And House of Ramaninjappa	13-02-2026 & Rs.533351/-	07-05-2026
10	Savitri Umesh Sulikeri, Umesha Shivappa Sulikeri, Prakash, /MHL01270037307/ Koppal	Residential 11B Property Bearing Vpc No.99, Property No.152000201600820390, Situated At Kanakapur Tanda Village Within Ginagera Gram Panchayat, Tq: & Dist: Koppal, Karnataka, Pin: 583228. East-Property of Durgappa Shivappa Rathod, West-Road, South-Property of Yamanavva Ganapathisa Naik, North-Road	13-02-2026 & Rs.355479/-	07-05-2026
11	Manu N, Mahadeva Shetty P, Rajamma M, /NHL00340018525/ Mysore	Property Bearing Nallitalapura Gramapanchayathi Property No. 114/114 And As Per Form No. 11 B Unique No. 152200538094000126 Situated At Nallitalapura Village Nanjanagudu Taluk, Within The Jurisdiction of Nallitalapura Gramapanchayathi, Mysore, Karnataka, Pin: 571314. East-House of Rajashetty, West-House of Chikkamahadevashetty, South-House of Revanna, North-Road	13-02-2026 & Rs.570702/-	07-05-2026
12	Sharanappa Goudra, Hanamavva, Parasappa Yallappa Goudra, /NHL00260036959/ Hubli	Property Bearing Gram Panchayat No. 89, Bearing E-Property No. 151400402600620415 of Veerapur Village, Within The Limits of Gram Panchayat Ramapur Tq: Gajendragada Dist: Gadag, Karnataka, Pin: 582114. East-House of Yallanagouda Goudra, West-Govt. Road, South-Govt. Road, North-House of Laxmappa Bilagi	13-02-2026 & Rs.758983/-	07-05-2026
13	Nagendra, Manjunatha, Hema, /NHL00340037213/ Mysore	Property Bearing No.519/15/1, Pl.D. No.150800303300320171, Situated At Chennalinganahalli Village, Kannuru Gramapanchayath, Hanuru Taluk And Chamarajanagara District, Karnataka, Pin: 571443. East-Site No. 15, West-Site No. 13, South-Site No. 33, North-Road	14-02-2026 & Rs.414331/-	07-05-2026
14	Umesh Samargagi, Megha Umesh Sambargi, Girija Sadeppa Sambargi, Satish Sadeppa Sambaragi, /NLAP0098035157/ Belgaum	Residential Property Bearing G.P. No.1161, Rdpr Pl.D. No. 150400704600101228, Situated At Parishwad Village, Parishwad Grama Panchayat, Khanapur Block, Belagavi (D). Within The Limits of Gram Panchayath Parishwad, Tal: Kharapur, Dist: Belagavi, Karnataka, Pin: 591131. East-Property of Parashuram Rudrappa Bhajantri, West-Property of Mallesh Nagappa Tarihal, South-Road, North-Government Hospital	14-02-2026 & Rs.154798/-	07-05-2026
15	Shevanta Yallappa Maraganache, Rawaji Yallappa Maraganache, Parasharam Yallappa Maraganache, /MHL00980009479/ Belgaum	Residential Property Bearing Swattin No: 150400301800320606, Gp No: 615/2B, Situated At Bastavad Tal: & Dist: Belagavi Within The Local Limits of Gram Panchayat Bastavad And Within The Local Jurisdiction of Sub-Registrar Belagavi Tal: Belagavi & Dist: Belagavi, Karnataka, Pin: 590003. East-By Property of Sidray Ravaji Maraganache, West- Property of Gauslal Irmai Mulla, South-Road, North-By Property of Boravva Babu Talwar	14-02-2026 & Rs.489914/-	07-05-2026

Date: 9th May 2026 | Place: KARNATAKA — Sd/- Authorised Officer Manappuram Home Finance Ltd

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
CE Division Mysore

NO:KST:EEM:JE: 70 :2026-27 — Date: 08-05-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 03/2026-27

Item wise tenders are invited for the notification no. 03/2026-27 work mentioned below as perkarnataka transparency in Public Procurement as per KTTP Ordinance act 1999, and Rules 2000 from the appropriate class of registered Civil Contractors In KPWD and CPWD through kpp portal. The contractors/firms will have to upload all required Information, documents and rates etc., in the website only i.e.. **https://kppp.kamataka.gov.in.** No documents will be accepted manually.

Sl. no	Name of the work	Approximate amount put to tender (in Lakh)	E.M.D (in Rs.)
1	Construction of KSRTC New Bus Depot at Hanuru Town (2ND Call)	Rs.752.36	Rs.11,29,000-00

1.Last date for Receipt of tenders: **16-05-2026. 2.**Interested Bidders can login to the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for details on or after **08-05-2026. 3.** Any other information required can be had from the Office of The Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Nelson Mandella Road, Bannimantapa, Mysuru during working hours, Tel.Phone No:0821-2498828

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, KSRTC : CE Division : Mysuru

DIPR/CP/576/NR/2026-27

ED Seizes ₹67.50 Lakh in Cash during Searches in Bank Fraud Case

PANAJI

The ED seized Rs 67.50 lakh in cash, incriminating documents, including property sale deeds, and digital devices during searches at six premises in Goa in connection with an over Rs 17 crore bank loan fraud, an official said on Friday.The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji Zonal Office, conducted search operations at the premises under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with a bank fraud case involving Crown Mineral Trading Corporation (CMTC) and its partners, the federal probe agency said in a statement.During the search operations, cash amounting to Rs. 67.50 Lakh, incriminating documents including property sale deeds, and digital devices were seized, it said.The ED initiated a money laundering investigation based on an FIR registered by the CBI (ACB), Goa, against the partners of CMTC and others.The FIR was registered pursuant to a complaint filed by Canara Bank, alleging that the partners of CMTC, a firm purportedly engaged in the trading of raw iron ore, fraudulently obtained a credit facility of Rs 7 crore from Canara Bank, Madgaon Branch, the statement said.

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No.: B2/Logging/e-Auction/Alkola/CR-28/2025-26 — Date: 28.04.2026

Tender Notice Related to e-Auction of Forest Produce

It is hereby informed to the General Public that date of 30.05.2026 has been fixed to dispose through e-Auction the stock of Timber/Firewood/Billets/Poles at the Government Timber Depot, Alkola, Shivamogga of Shivamogga Division. For the said Auction participation is subject to conditions informed vide the detailed notification of this officeNo.: B2/Logging/e-Auction/ Alkola /CR-28/2025-26, Date: 28.04.2026. For further information regarding the e-Auction this office can be contacted during office hours and details regarding the Auction can be obtained by the official website of GoK www.etimber.in www.mstcecommerce.com

Details of Forest Produce kept for e-Auction

Sl. No	Name of Depot	Details of Produce		Lot No	Approx.Quantity (in M3)	Date & Sessions
1	G. T. D. Alkola Shivamogga	Acacia	Timber	120	6819-1173.277	30.05.2026 4 ession
2		Acacia Springwell	Timber	05	7=1.353	
3		Beete	Timber	51	253=20.329	
4		Saaguvaani	Timber	105	835=46.873	
5		Other family	Timber	148	375=93.488	
6		Acacia	Sizes	01	5=0.055	
7		Beete	Sizes	03	28=1.340	
8		Saaguvaani	Sizes	12	85=2.764	
9		Other family	Sizes	03	20=0.383	
10		Acacia	Poles	14	278 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	
11		Acacia Springwell	Poles	01	03 ,ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	
12		Beete	Poles	01	04 ,ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	
13		Saaguvaani	Poles	14	229 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	
14		Other family	Poles	06	325ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	
15		Acacia	Billets	03	32.506	
16		Beete	Billets	03	1.848	
17		Saaguvaani	Billets	04	1.061	
18		N.T.F.P.	-	01	60 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	
		Total Lot Number		495		

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ, ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ
ಸಂ: 07/2026–2027 — ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.05.2026

ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಐಟಂವಾರು ದರದ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ KW-4 ರ ರೀತಿ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ https:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಮಂಡ್ಯ, ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.05.2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 07.05.2026 ರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ಮೂಲಕ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ; 25.05.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.05.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 27.05.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 4.31 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ ಅಥವಾ ನಂತರದ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನಗಳು, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:29.05.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ನಂತರದ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನಗಳು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಬೆಲೆ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ರಂತೆ. ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ: ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸೇರಿ 6 ತಿಂಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು 1 (ಒಂದು), ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೈಕಿ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.400.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಬೆಲೆ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ರಂತೆ, ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ವಿವರ, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ., ಮೊತ್ತ ಮುಂತಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.
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Scindia, CM Mohan Yadav to Lay Foundation of Adani Cement Plant

GUNA

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav will lay the foundation stone of a cement plant in Guna district on Sunday.

The plant is being set up by the Adani Group with an investment of around Rs 1,100 crore. It is part of a larger investment plan of about Rs 3,500 crore in the Guna region, according to a press note from Scindia's office.

The project will be the first major cement unit in the Gwalior-Chambal region, which has not seen large-scale industrial development so far.Union Minister Scindia, who represents the Guna Lok Sabha constituency, said the project will create job opportunities for local youth.

ISWAP Militants Attack Nigerian Army Base in Borno

Suspected fighters of the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) launched a deadly assault on a Nigerian military base in Borno state, leaving at least two soldiers dead and several others injured, including the commanding officer.

MAIDUGURI

According to security sources and military officials, the attackers stormed the army base under the cover of poor visibility during the early morning hours. The incident marks another major escalation in the long-running conflict between Nigerian security forces and armed extremist groups operating in the northeast region of the country.

A military source stated that the militants heavily attacked the Forward Operating Base in Magumeri, resulting in intense gunfire and destruction within the camp. Initially, reports from local security personnel indicated that three soldiers were killed during the confrontation, while the commanding officer suffered severe injuries. Around 14 additional soldiers were also wounded in the attack.The source further explained that Nigerian troops managed to repel the assault after fierce fighting. During the counter-offensive, soldiers reportedly killed about eight militants and recovered a significant cache of weapons and equipment. The recovered items included approximately 20 motorcycles, several machine guns, and rocket-propelled

grenades believed to have been used by the attackers.

A member of the civilian joint task force, a local vigilante group that assists the military in anti-insurgency operations, confirmed seeing the aftermath of the attack. He said parts of the military base were damaged by fire and several soldiers had sustained gunshot wounds. The vigilante member also claimed that around 10 Boko Haram or ISWAP fighters were killed during the exchange of fire.

In an official statement, the Nigerian military said troops from Operation Hadin Kai, the country's counterinsurgency operation in the northeast, successfully contained the attack and prevented the militants from fully infiltrating the base. Military spokesperson Lieutenant Colonel Sani Uba confirmed that two soldiers lost their lives during the battle, while injured personnel, including an officer, were receiving medical treatment and were reported to be in stable condition.The military added that although temporary structures and some equipment were destroyed by fire, troops recovered anti-aircraft guns, AK-47 rifles, and ammunition abandoned by the fleeing militants.

QUICK READ

Meloni meets Rubio as Iran war strains Italy-US ties

ROME

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni met U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Friday at a moment of unusual strain between her government and President Donald Trump's administration, driven largely by the war with Iran. Rubio is in Italy for a two-day trip aimed at easing ties with Pope Leo after unprecedented attacks on the pontiff by Trump, while also addressing Washington's frustration over Italy's refusal to support the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran. Meloni had been one of Trump's firmest supporters in Europe, cultivating close ties with him and presenting herself as a natural bridge between Washington and other EU states that □had no natural political affinity with the Republican U.S. leader.

Botswana's former president Festus Mogae dies at 86

GABORONE

Botswana's former president Festus Mogae, who led the diamond-rich nation for a decade and won praise for good governance and the fight against HIV/AIDS, has died at the age of 86, the government said, declaring three days of national mourning. Mogae served as Botswana's third president from 1998 to 2008, handing power to his vice president, Ian Khama in a smooth transition that highlighted the southern African nation's reputation for political stability. An economist by training, Mogae was credited with successful management of Botswana's economy. He tackled HIV/AIDS openly at a time when Botswana faced one of the world's highest infection rates, and adopted one of the African continent's most comprehensive programmes against it. Born in Serowe on August 21, 1939, Mogae studied in Britain before joining Botswana's civil.

Putin is ready to talk with EU but won't make the first move, Kremlin says

MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin is ready to negotiate with everyone, including the Europeans, the Kremlin said on Friday after the media reported that European Union leaders were preparing for potential talks.The FT reported that the shift by the EU was prompted by European frustration with negotiations to end the Ukraine war that have been led by U.S. President Donald Trump.

European Council President Antonio Costa said he believed there was potential for the EU to negotiate with Putin and that the bloc had the backing of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to do so, the FT said.

Starmer Vows to Continue After Labour Suffers Major Local Election Setback

LONDON

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer pledged to remain in office and continue pursuing political reform after his Labour Party suffered significant losses in local elections across England. The results have intensified concerns over his leadership less than two years after Labour's sweeping national election victory in 2024. The local election results dealt a serious blow to Labour, particularly in traditional strongholds across central and northern England. Voters appeared to punish the government amid growing frustration over economic pressures and the pace of promised reforms. The outcome has also highlighted a broader shift in British politics, with support increasingly moving away from the country's long-dominant Labour and Conservative parties.The biggest gains came for Nigel Farage and his populist party, Reform UK. The party secured more than 400 council seats across England, marking one of its strongest performances to date. Reform UK's rise has strengthened its position as a growing po-

litical force and could make it the main opposition party in Scotland and Wales against nationalist parties such as the Scottish National Party and Plaid Cymru.The election also reflected the continued fragmentation of Britain's political landscape. In addition to Reform UK's gains, the left-wing Green Party also attracted support from dissatisfied voters, while nationalist parties gained momentum in devolved regions. Both Labour and the Conservative Party lost significant voter share, underlining growing dissatisfaction with the traditional two-party system.Despite the disappointing outcome, senior Labour figures publicly backed Starmer's leadership. The prime minister addressed reporters in west London, where Labour managed to retain control of the Ealing council, one of the few bright spots for the party during the elections.Starmer acknowledged the scale of the setback and accepted responsibility for the losses. He admitted that his government had made what he described as unnecessary mistakes since taking office, particularly by focusing heavily on the country's challenges without offering enough optimism to voters.However, the prime minister argued that the election results reflected public impatience over the speed of progress rather than outright rejection of his government. He promised to intensify efforts to deliver reforms and improve living standards for British citizens.Starmer also signaled a renewed focus on addressing the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, which has been worsened by international conflicts, including wars involving Ukraine and Iran. He indicated that his government would prioritize economic stability and household relief measures in the coming months. Financial markets reacted positively to Starmer's commitment to economic reforms.

US-Iran Naval Clash Raises Fears Despite Ongoing Ceasefire

WASHINGTON

The latest escalation unfolded as Washington awaited Tehran's response to a proposed framework aimed at ending the war that began on February 28. The conflict erupted after the United States and Israel launched coordinated airstrikes on Iran, triggering weeks of military exchanges across the Gulf region.President Donald Trump stated that three U.S. Navy destroyers came under attack while passing through the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most strategically important waterways. The narrow passage handles nearly one-fifth of global oil and liquefied natural gas shipments, making any instability in the area a major concern for international markets and energy security.

In a post on Truth Social, Trump claimed the American warships completed their transit successfully despite the attack. He said no damage was sustained by the destroyers, while Iranian forces allegedly suffered heavy losses during the encounter.Later, speaking to reporters in Washington, Trump sought to minimize the severity of the clash and maintained that

Tensions between the United States and Iran escalated again after naval forces exchanged fire near the Strait of Hormuz and the United Arab Emirates reported renewed missile and drone threats.

the ceasefire agreement remained in place. He described the incident as a failed provocation by Iran and insisted that U.S. forces responded decisively.

Iran, however, accused the United States of violating the ceasefire first. Iran's top joint military command alleged that American forces targeted an Iranian oil tanker and another vessel while also carrying out airstrikes on civilian areas near Qeshm Island and coastal regions close to the Strait of Hormuz.According to Iranian military officials, Iranian naval units retaliated by launching attacks on U.S. military vessels east of the strait and near the port city of Chabahar. A spokesperson for Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters claimed the strikes caused significant damage to American forces, though U.S. Central Command denied that any ships or military assets were hit.

Iranian state media later suggested the situation had calmed. Press TV reported that after several hours of military exchanges, normal conditions had returned to Iranian islands and coastal cities around the Strait of Hormuz.

The conflict also spread beyond the waterway. The United Arab Emirates confirmed that its air defense systems intercepted missile and drone threats believed to have originated from Iran early Friday morning. Authorities did not release detailed information regarding the scale or damage of the attacks. Since the outbreak of war, Iran has repeatedly targeted Gulf nations hosting American military bases, raising fears that the broader Middle East could face a prolonged period of instability and conflict.

UK's Princess Kate to visit pioneering Italian schools funded by WW2 scrap metal

ROME

On her trip to northern Italy next week, Britain's Princess of Wales will see how in the years after World War Two communities transformed abandoned military equipment, including a tank, into a globally influential model of early years education.

The visit will take Kate to Reggio Emilia, where local residents many of them women helped finance some of Italy's first nursery schools after the war by selling the scrap metal from equipment left behind by retreating German forces.Those early efforts laid the foundations of the educational Reggio Emilia approach, now influential worldwide and aligned with Kate's focus on children's social and emotional wellbeing.

The wife of heir to the throne Prince William and mother of three launched the Royal Foundation Centre for Early Childhood in 2021 to bring together experts and research in the field.

The trip, running from May 13 to May 14, will be Kate's first official overseas visit since completing cancer treatment.Some time ago, British representatives visited our city and our early childhood education services, and shortly afterwards we heard of the Princess's interest in coming to see us, Marwa Mahmoud, Reggio Emilia's councillor for education, told Reuters.

Health authorities have identified a new suspected case of hantavirus on the remote South Atlantic island of Tristan da Cunha, raising further concerns over an outbreak linked to a luxury cruise ship.

New Suspected Hantavirus Case Reported on Remote South Atlantic Island

AMSTERDAM

The suspected new infection was reported on Friday in a British national living on Tristan da Cunha, widely regarded as the world's most remote inhabited island. The isolated British overseas territory, located in the South Atlantic Ocean, has a population of only around 200 residents and became a focus of global health concern after the luxury cruise ship MV Hondius stopped there on April 15.

The outbreak aboard the vessel has already claimed three lives. A Dutch couple and a German national died after being infected with the virus. Health authorities across several countries are now monitoring passengers, crew members, and individuals who may have had contact with those infected. According to officials, four other confirmed patients are currently receiving treatment in hospitals located in the Netherlands, South Africa, and Switzerland. The infected individuals include two British nationals, one Dutch national, and one Swiss citizen.One of the victims, a Dutch woman, died shortly after leaving the ship on April 24. She was identified as the wife of the outbreak's so-called patient zero, a Dutch man who died aboard the cruise ship on April 11. The couple's deaths have intensified concerns about how widely the virus may have spread during the voyage.The World Health Organization said it planned to release updated figures regarding both suspected and confirmed infections later on Friday. International health agencies are continuing efforts to track passengers who disembarked from the ship and to identify anyone who may have been exposed during travel or medical transfers.Dutch health authorities reported that two individuals who had close contact with the Dutch woman before she was removed from a flight in Johannesburg on April 25 tested negative for the virus. The woman had reportedly become critically ill during the flight, forcing authorities to take emergency action.One of the people tested was a flight attendant who later developed symptoms and was admitted to a hospital in Amsterdam as a precautionary measure.

RUSSIA UKRAINE CEASEFIRE

Russia and Ukraine Trade Accusations over Ceasefire Violations

MOSCOW

Russia and Ukraine accused each other on Friday of violating a temporary ceasefire announced by Russian President Vladimir Putin for Victory Day celebrations marking the Soviet Union's defeat of Nazi Germany in World War Two.

The latest exchange of accusations came amid heightened tensions surrounding Russia's annual Victory Day celebrations on May 8 and 9, one of the country's most significant national events. Pres-

ident Vladimir Putin had declared a unilateral two-day ceasefire intended to coincide with commemorations of the Soviet Union's victory over Nazi Germany in 1945.

However, Ukraine rejected the limited ceasefire proposal, arguing that a temporary halt only for the holiday was insufficient. Kyiv instead called for a broader and indefinite truce beginning two days earlier, a proposal that Moscow did not accept.Russia's Defence Ministry claimed Ukrainian forces violated the ceasefire repeatedly during the night and early Friday morning. According to the ministry, Russian air defenses intercepted and destroyed 264 Ukrainian drones across several regions. Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said the Russian capital was among the areas targeted, while officials also reported drone attacks in the Perm region near the Ural Mountains.Russian authorities further accused Ukraine of launching artillery and drone attacks against Russian military positions and civilian infrastructure in the border regions of Belgorod and Kursk. The ministry stated that Ukrainian forces continued military operations despite the announced pause in fighting. Moscow has also issued strong warnings ahead of Saturday's Victory Day military parade in Red Square. Russian officials said any Ukrainian attempt to disrupt the event would trigger a major missile strike on Kyiv.

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RONALDO and Felix lead Al-Nassr to vital win

Cristiano Ronaldo and Joao Felix powered Al-Nassr toward the title with a 4-2 victory, moving five points clear.

TAIF

Cristiano Ronaldo and Joao Felix put on a masterclass as Al-Nassr defeated Al-Shabab 4-2, moving within touching distance of the Saudi Pro League title. Joao Felix was the standout performer, netting a brilliant hat-trick, while Ronaldo also scored to reach a historic milestone of 100 goals in Saudi league football.

The match began with a blitz from Al-Nassr, as Felix scored twice in the first ten minutes. Al-Shabab fought back with a goal from Yannick Carrasco, but Ronaldo restored the two-goal cushion in the 75th minute with a clinical finish. Although Al-Shabab scored again late through Ali Albulayhi, Felix sealed the win with a 90th-minute penalty to complete his treble.

With this victory, Al-Nassr sits comfortably at the top of the standings with 82 points, five ahead of rivals Al-Hilal. They are now just one win away from clinching the championship. The decisive moment could come on May 12, when they face Al-Hilal in a high-stakes Riyadh derby at Al-Awwal Park.

"This was a huge step, but the job isn't finished," said Al-Nassr coach Jorge Jesus.

He emphasized that the team must remain focused for the upcoming derby, where "small details" will decide the title. Beyond the league, Al-Nassr is also eyeing international glory, as they prepare to face Gamba Osaka in the Asian Champions League Two final on May 16. For Ronaldo and his teammates, a historic double is now firmly within their grasp.

Valverde to miss El Clasico following training bust-up

MADRID

Real Madrid midfielder Federico Valverde has been ruled out of the highly anticipated El Clasico against Barcelona after a shocking training ground altercation with teammate Aurelien Tchouameni.

The club confirmed that the Uruguayan star suffered a "cranioencephalic trauma" during the incident, which occurred just days before their crucial league clash.

The tension reportedly boiled over during the practice session, marking the second time the two players clashed in as many days. Valverde was rushed to the hospital to treat a cut on his forehead and undergo neurological scans.

While he has since been released and is recovering at home, medical protocols require him to rest for 10 to 14 days, officially sidelining him for the May 11 showdown at the Bernabéu.

Real Madrid has taken a firm stance on the infighting, launching formal disciplinary proceedings against both Valverde and Tchouameni. "The club will announce the resolutions of both cases in due course," a spokesperson stated, emphasizing that internal conduct standards were breached. Fortunately, Tchouameni escaped the scuffle without any reported injuries.

This loss is a massive blow to manager Carlo Ancelotti's plans. Real Madrid currently sits in second place with 77 points, trailing a dominant Barcelona side by 11 points.

Without Valverde's energy and defensive work rate in the middle of the pitch, the task of closing that gap has become significantly harder.

NHL player salaries reach record new highs

NEW YORK

Professional hockey is seeing a massive financial boom as the NHL and its Players Association announced the salary cap will jump to a record $104 million for the 2026-27 season. This significant increase of $8.5 million from last year reflects the league's rapid growth and surging popularity among fans worldwide.

The new financial rules mean teams have more money than ever to spend on top-tier talent. To show how far the league has come, the minimum a team must spend is actually higher than the maximum limit was just eight years ago. This wealth is driven by record-breaking viewership during the Stanley Cup playoffs and lucrative television deals with major networks. League revenue is expected to top $7 billion this season. Commissioner Gary Bettman credited the success to the sheer quality of the game, noting that fans are tuning in even when teams from the biggest cities aren't playing. While some teams, like the Vegas Golden Knights, have used special injury rules to navigate budget limits, others like the Chicago Blackhawks are comfortably meeting the new requirements while building younger rosters. Individual players are also set to win big, with the maximum possible salary rising to $20.8 million. Experts predict this trend won't stop anytime soon, early estimates suggest the cap could leap even higher to $113.5 million the following year. For players and fans alike, the future of the NHL looks brighter, and much wealthier, than ever before.

Cousins sees bright future for Indian basketball

NEW DELHI

Four-time NBA All-Star DeMarcus Cousins is in the national capital to celebrate the global growth of basketball, calling the expansion of the sport a "beautiful thing." Speaking ahead of the BUDX NBA House 2026 event, the American star shared his excitement about merging different cultures through the game and praised the untapped potential he has witnessed in India.

After attending a local practice session, Cousins admitted he was immediately struck by the physical attributes of the young athletes. "The first thing that stood out to me was the size and the height," he remarked, noting that such natural advantages are a massive head start in the sport.

He was also impressed by the players' skill sets, suggesting that while the sport is still developing in the region, the foundation is incredibly strong.

Cousins believes that India's massive population makes it a goldmine for future talent. He predicted that with continued work and the right initiatives, the country could become a "very special" force in the basketball world. His visit is part of a larger effort to engage fans through music, streetwear, and on-court activities during the ongoing NBA Playoffs.As the Sacramento Kings continue to build their connection with India, Cousins' endorsement serves as a powerful reminder that the next big basketball star might just be discovered in New Delhi.

3 stars nominated for ICC April award

DUBAI

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced an exciting shortlist for the Men's Player of the Month award for April, featuring standout performers from Bangladesh, Oman, and the UAE. Fast-bowling sensation Nahid Rana, Oman's veteran leader Jatinder Singh, and newcomer Ajay Kumar are all in the running following a month of record-breaking displays.

Bangladesh's 23-year-old speedster, Nahid Rana, earned his spot after a dominant "Player of the Series" performance against New Zealand. Rana spearheaded his team's 2-1 series victory, claiming eight wickets with an impressive economy rate. His career-best haul of 5/32 in Mirpur was the deciding factor in securing a crucial win for the hosts.

Oman captain Jatinder Singh made history in April during the Cricket World Cup League 2. Singh amassed 266 runs at a blistering strike rate, highlighted by a massive 139 runs against Nepal. This knock officially stands as the highest individual ODI score ever recorded by an Oman batter. His leadership and consistent run-scoring have kept Oman as a serious contender on the global stage.

Joining them is UAE's left-arm seamer Ajay Kumar, who enjoyed a fairytale start to his international career.

In his first two ODIs, Kumar took nine wickets, including a remarkable 6/35 against Oman. His ability to swing the ball and maintain a tight economy has quickly made him one of the most talked-about emerging talents in Associate cricket.

The winner will be decided by a global vote involving fans and a panel of experts.

Indian Archer Simranjeet Kaur reaches World Cup semifinals

SHANGHAI

Indian archer Simranjeet Kaur touched hearts after securing a spot in the women's recurve semifinals at the Archery World Cup Stage 2. The 27-year-old athlete delivered a flawless performance at the Yuanshen Sports Centre, proving that persistence eventually pays off on the global stage.

In a dominant quarter-final display, Simranjeet swept aside her opponent, Fong You Jhu from Chinese Taipei, with a perfect 6-0 score. Her shooting was remarkably consistent, hitting high marks that left her rival with no room to recover. This victory marks a major breakthrough for the archer, who is competing in her first-ever World Cup final stage.

The moment of victory was deeply personal. Overcome with joy, Simranjeet was seen wiping away tears before immediately calling her father to share the news. "I cried because this is a big deal for me and it was long-awaited," she said. She explained that her strategy was simply to "detach" from the pressure and focus only on the arrow.

It was an unexpected turn of events, as Simranjeet had initially ranked lowest among the four Indian women during the qualifying rounds. While teammates like Deepika Kumari and Ankita Bhakat were eliminated in earlier stages, Simranjeet remained steady. Although she won't participate in the team gold medal match due to her seeding, she now has a chance at individual glory. Meanwhile, India's men's campaign ended after Dhiraj Bommadevara lost his fourth-round match to France.

Satwik clarifies comments on quiet Thomas Cup return

NEW DELHI

Indian badminton star and Khel Ratna winner Satwiksairaj Rankireddy has addressed the controversy surrounding his recent social media posts, explaining that his frustration stems from a lack of sports culture rather than a desire for money. After the Indian team secured a bronze medal at the 2026 Thomas Cup in Denmark, Satwik noted the "disheartening silence" that met the team upon their arrival home.

The star shuttler had sparked a debate by posting "before and after" photos showing the team's quiet departure and equally quiet return. Clarifying his stance, Satwik insisted his message was misinterpreted by those who thought he was seeking personal fame or financial rewards.

He emphasized that the issue is about making sure athletes feel their hard work for the country is recognized by the general public.

"It is not about wanting grand parades," Satwik stated in a heartfelt post. "We just want to know that our country is watching and that our efforts are seen." He argued that when major milestones are ignored, it sends a negative signal to future generations of Indian athletes who are working hard to bring glory to the nation.

His partner, Chirag Shetty, shared similar feelings, noting that while true badminton fans understood the magnitude of a Thomas Cup podium finish, the general public remained unaware.

The duo, currently ranked third in the world, called for a culture that celebrates every athlete who wears the Indian jersey, regardless of the sport, to ensure that no victory goes unnoticed.

Laura Wolvaardt tops shortlist for Women's Award

DUBAI

South African captain Laura Wolvaardt leads an exciting race for the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for April. Joining her on the shortlist are Sri Lankan opener Imesha Dulani and Brazilian sensation Laura Cardosa, following a month of record-shattering performances across the globe.

Wolvaardt has been in the form of her life, dominating both New Zealand and India.

She averaged 69 in ODIs before moving to the T20I series against India, where she amassed 330 runs at a staggering strike rate of 168. Her highlight was a breathtaking 115 off just 53 balls, helping South Africa chase down a massive target of 192 with ease.

Sri Lanka's Imesha Dulani also earned her spot after a stellar tour of Bangladesh. Named Player of the Series in the ODIs, she provided consistent starts and followed up with a sharp 55 in the T20I leg. Her contributions were vital in securing series victories for the visitors, proving her status as a rising star in Asian cricket.

The most historic entry comes from Brazil's Laura Cardosa. During a phenomenal run in April, Cardosa became the first player in T20I history to take nine wickets in a single match, finishing with unbelievable figures of 9 for 4 against Lesotho.

In addition to her 17 wickets during the month, she also scored over 200 runs. This nomination highlights the growing talent in emerging cricket nations as fans prepare to vote for their winner.

South Africa's Laura Wolvaardt leads ICC award nominees after sensational April performances alongside global emerging stars.

Indian Shooter Shapath Bharadwaj shines in Kazakhstan

ALMATY

Indian marksman Shapath Bharadwaj delivered a stunning performance at the ISSF World Cup Shotgun in Kazakhstan. Competing at the Asanov Shooting Club, Bharadwaj finished the first day of the men's trap event as the top-performing Indian athlete after a display of remarkable skill and focus.

Bharadwaj began his campaign with two perfect series, hitting every single target. Although he faced a slight challenge in his third round with 21 hits, he ended with an impressive total of 71 out of 75. His strong start has placed him in a competitive position

heading into the next stage of the prestigious tournament. Other Indian men also showed flashes of brilliance. Vivaan Kapoor recorded a perfect 25 in his second round, finishing with a score of 70. Meanwhile, Ahvar Rizvi remained steady, ending with 68 hits. In the ranking points category, Udaivir Singh Jaijee matched Bharadwaj's score of 71, showing the depth of India's shooting talent.

On the women's side, Manisha Keer led the way for India. She started strong with two rounds of 24, eventually finishing with a total of 69 hits to claim the 17th spot. National Champion Neeru Dhanda followed closely behind with a score of 68, placing 21st, while Pragati Dubey ended with 65.

This opening day in Almaty highlights the rising standards of Indian shooting. As the competition continues, all eyes will be on Bharadwaj and Keer to see if they can maintain their momentum toward the podium.

Cricket hero Rohit Sharma set for TV

MUMBAI

India's beloved cricket captain, Rohit Sharma, is trading his bat for the spotlight. The T20 World Cup hero has officially teased his debut in the world of television entertainment.

The "Hitman" is famous for his incredible sixes and calm leadership on the field. However, this new project promises to show fans a different side of his personality.

The teaser playfully uses his famous viral catchphrase about "roaming in the garden," suggesting the show will be full of humor and fun.

While the exact title and format remain a secret, the buzz suggests it will be one of the biggest entertainment launches of the year. Currently, Rohit is showcasing his talent in the IPL for the Mumbai Indians. Despite a recent minor injury, he has been in fantastic form, proving he is still at the top of his game. Even with his busy cricket schedule, he is making time to connect with fans through the small screen.

Supporters are already sharing their excitement online, eager to see their favorite athlete take on a new challenge.

Whether he is hosting a show or appearing in a special series, one thing is certain, when Rohit Sharma is on screen, the audience is sure to watch.

This move marks an exciting new chapter for the legendary opener as he expands his massive legacy beyond the boundary ropes.

Global Chess League season 4 heads back to India

NEW DELHI

FIDE and the Global Chess League (GCL) have officially announced that India will host the fourth season of the premier franchise-based chess tournament. While the specific host city remains under wraps for now, the league confirmed that an announcement is expected in the coming days.

The decision to return to India follows the massive success of Season 3, which concluded in Mumbai in December 2025, where the Alpine SG Pipers emerged as champions. India's deep-rooted passion for the game and its booming chess ecosystem were cited as the primary reasons for bringing the world's elite players back to the country. Arkady Dvorkovich, President of FIDE, emphasized India's "defining role" in the global growth of the sport. Meanwhile, Gourav Rakshit, Commissioner of the Global Chess League, noted that the country's electric fan zones and digital engagement have reshaped how the game connects with global audiences. With several Indian youngsters currently dominating the world rankings, Season 4 is expected to draw record-breaking attendance and further solidify India's status as the global epicenter of modern chess.

TECH mahindra GLOBAL CHESS LEAGUE

Key Highlights of Season 4

- **Format:** The league will continue its signature high-intensity, fast-paced rapid format.
- **Team Composition:** Matches will feature mixed-gender franchise teams, blending top-tier grandmasters with rising stars.
- **Vision:** A joint venture between Tech Mahindra and FIDE, the GCL aims to revolutionize chess as a mainstream spectator sport through "high-intensity storytelling."

QUICK READ

Cloudflare to lay off 1,100 employees in AI shift

New Delhi

Cloudflare has announced plans to cut more than 1,100 jobs worldwide as part of a major restructuring driven by the rapid adoption of artificial intelligence across its operations. The company said internal use of AI has surged by over 600% in recent months, with tools increasingly handling tasks in engineering, finance, HR, and marketing. It described the move as a shift toward an "agentic AI era" rather than a cost-cutting exercise. Cloudflare stated that affected employees will receive severance packages including continued pay through 2026, healthcare support in the US, and extended equity benefits. The restructuring will be completed in a single phase as the company reshapes its workforce to stay competitive in AI-driven technology markets.

Tata Trust board meetings deferred to May 16

New Delhi

The board meetings of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and Sir Ratan Tata Trust, key shareholders of Tata Sons, have been deferred to May 16 amid ongoing legal and governance discussions. The meetings were earlier scheduled for May 8 and were expected to review board representation and nominee directors. However, they were postponed shortly before commencement, marking the second rescheduling. Sources said internal differences persist over issues such as governance structure and the long-standing debate on whether Tata Sons should remain privately held or consider listing. The Trusts continue to deliberate on aligning board decisions with broader institutional views and long-term strategic direction.

Air India reviews cost-cutting steps amid rising losses

New Delhi

The Air India board, backed by the Tata Group, has discussed cost-cutting measures including possible employee furloughs and deferment of performance-linked bonuses as the airline faces mounting losses and rising operational pressures. A meeting held in Gurugram reportedly lasted over three hours and focused on financial performance, cost rationalisation, and operational challenges linked to higher fuel prices and West Asia airspace disruptions. The airline is also evaluating temporary unpaid leave and expense reductions amid rising costs. With losses estimated at over ₹22,000 crore in FY26, the board also discussed leadership transition plans, including the upcoming departure of CEO Campbell Wilson later this year.

Large office deals dominate India's real estate market

Large office transactions dominated India's commercial real estate market in Q1 2026, driving strong sector activity overall

NEW DELHI

India's commercial real estate sector saw strong momentum in Q1 2026, with large office transactions accounting for about 65% of total market activity, according to a report by Knight Frank.

The trend highlights continued dominance of big-ticket office leasing and investment deals, even as broader real estate segments show mixed performance. Overall office market activity remained strong, supported by sustained demand from global capability centres (GCCs), technology firms, and multinational corporations.

The report notes that India's office market has been setting new records in recent quarters, with leasing volumes reaching historic highs despite global economic uncertainty. A major share of demand has come from large occupiers preferring Grade-A

office spaces with modern infrastructure and better efficiency features. Institutional investors and large corporates have increasingly focused on consolidated, long-term leases, contributing to the rising share of large transactions. This shift has also been supported by expansion plans of GCCs, which continue to drive bulk office space absorption across major cities.

According to recent market data, India's office leasing activity reached record levels in Q1 2026, reflecting strong underlying demand despite volatility in global markets.

Analysts say the trend toward large transactions indicates growing maturity in the sector, with occupiers prioritising scale, efficiency, and high-quality workspace infrastructure over fragmented leasing.

- Large office deals dominate market
- GCCs drive strong office demand
- Institutional investors prefer big leases
- Grade-A offices see rising demand
- Commercial real estate shows resilience

However, the broader real estate market continues to show divergence, with residential sales in some cities cooling due to pricing pressures, even as commercial office demand remains resilient. Overall, the report suggests that India's commercial real estate market is increasingly being driven by large-scale, institutional-grade deals, reinforcing its position as one of the most active office markets globally.

India pushes MSME cooperation under BRICS 2026

NEW DELHI

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As Chair of the BRICS in 2026, India is focusing on strengthening cooperation among micro, small and medium enterprises under the BRICS Partnership on the New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR). The initiative aims to boost trade, innovation, and inclusive economic growth across member nations.

The Ministry of MSME has been tasked with organising three SME working group meetings along with the inaugural BRICS MSME Forum during India's chairship period. These platforms are intended to enhance policy coordination and share best practices among member countries.

The first SME Working Group Meeting was held online on April 24, 2026, with a special focus on "Access to Finance for MSMEs." Discussions centred on bridging the credit gap through financial inclusion, improving financial literacy, and strengthening credit readiness among small businesses.

Another key theme was the role of fintech in expanding SME access to credit and enabling smoother cross-border trade payments. Representatives from BRICS countries shared experiences on overcoming financing challenges faced by MSMEs and explored innovative solutions.

Participants highlighted that MSMEs remain a major driver of employment, innovation, and economic development, but continue to face difficulties in accessing timely and adequate credit.

- India leads BRICS MSME cooperation
- Focus on finance access MSMEs
- Fintech expands SME credit systems
- BRICS shares MSME growth strategies
- MSMEs drive inclusive economic growth

The meeting emphasised the need for stronger financial ecosystems and institutional support.

The discussions also reinforced the importance of cooperation among BRICS economies to build resilient and globally competitive MSME sectors. Policy exchange and collaborative frameworks were identified as key tools for future growth.

India has also signed agreements with countries such as Japan, South Africa, and New Zealand to enhance MSME collaboration, aiming to improve trade and investment opportunities.

The MSME sector remains a crucial pillar of India's manufacturing and industrial base, and the government is actively promoting its expansion as part of its broader inclusive growth strategy.

Indian construction equipment exports surge despite domestic slowdown driven by infrastructure delays and higher operational costs

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT EXPORTS RISE AMID DOMESTIC SLOWDOWN

NEW DELHI

India's construction equipment industry recorded strong export growth of 31.5% in FY26, even as domestic demand softened, according to a report by the Indian Construction Equipment Manufacturers' Association (ICEMA). The sector showed resilience despite challenges such as slower infrastructure execution and project delays.

India continues to be the world's third-largest construction equipment market, with the industry valued at about $10 billion in FY25. It is projected to reach $14.76 billion by 2030, growing at a compound annual growth rate of 8.3%. Total equipment sales declined by around 2% during FY26 to 1,36,995 units. Domestic demand, excluding non-OEM exports, fell by nearly 7% across major

equipment categories, reflecting weaker project execution on the ground.

ICEMA officials said the decline does not indicate structural weakness but is linked to execution delays rather than reduced long-term demand. They noted that government capital expenditure remains strong, but issues such as land acquisition delays, slower project awards, and funding bottlenecks affected momentum.

Liquidity pressures were also visible due to delayed contractor payments, which impacted cash flow across infrastructure projects. Additionally, the implementation of CEV Stage V emission norms increased equipment costs, while global commodity inflation—especially in crude oil and bitumen—added further pressure.

Despite domestic slowdown, export performance remained strong, highlighting growing global competitiveness of Indian-made construction equipment. Industry leaders said this reflects the sector's improving manufacturing capabilities and international acceptance.

The association expressed confidence in long-term growth, driven by continued investment in roads, railways, mining, urban infrastructure, housing, and rural development.

Industry representatives, including ICEMA President Deepak Shetty and Vice President Shalabh Chaturvedi, emphasized that faster project execution, improved liquidity support, and timely policy implementation will be key to restoring stronger domestic demand. Overall, the sector remains optimistic that sustained infrastructure focus will support stable growth in the coming years.

India leads global space shift: Nidhi Khare

NEW DELHI

India is emerging as a key player in global space innovation and standardisation, said Nidhi Khare while addressing an international space systems meeting in New Delhi on Friday. She said the country is now at the forefront of global space transformation and rapidly becoming a hub for innovation and private sector participation in the space industry.

Khare was speaking at the opening plenary of the 35th ISO TC 20/SC 14 meeting on "Space Systems and Operations," hosted by the Bureau of Indian Standards. She highlighted that international cooperation is essential for building strong global standards for the growing space ecosystem.

She noted that major policy reforms and the creation of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) have played a crucial role in opening up India's space sector. These changes, she said, have enabled startups and established industries to participate more actively in space-related activities.

According to Khare, global standards developed through shared expertise will ensure that space operations remain safe, sustainable, and inclusive as the industry expands worldwide. She also emphasized that India hosting such a high-level international meeting reflects its growing importance in the global space economy.

- India leads global space transformation
- IN-SPACe boosts private sector growth
- International standards ensure space safety
- BIS aligns Indian global standards
- Reforms expand startup space opportunities

The event brought together delegates from several countries, including representatives of national standards bodies, space agencies, industry experts, and academic institutions. Officials from the Bureau of Indian Standards said efforts are underway to align Indian standards with international frameworks to improve quality, safety, and competitiveness in the sector.

IN-SPACe Chairman Pawan Goenka also highlighted that India's space ecosystem is witnessing rapid transformation driven by reforms and private participation. He stressed that strong global standards will support innovation and help integrate India more deeply into the global space economy.

SBI Q4 PROFIT RISES; FY26 CROSSES ₹80,000 CRORE

MUMBAI

State Bank of India reported a mixed but largely steady financial performance for the fourth quarter of FY26, showing resilience in core banking operations despite pressure on margins and operating profit. The bank posted a 5.6% year-on-year rise in standalone net profit at ₹19,683.75 crore, compared to ₹18,642.59 crore in the same quarter last year.

On a consolidated basis, the bank recorded a modest 1.1% YoY increase in net profit at ₹20,161.30 crore. However, sequentially, profit declined 6.4% from the previous quarter, reflecting some slowdown in quarterly performance.

For the full financial year FY26, SBI achieved a significant milestone with net profit crossing ₹80,000 crore, reaching ₹80,032.01 crore, up nearly 13% from ₹70,900.63 crore in FY25. This growth was supported by stable credit demand and deposit expansion across its domestic operations. Net interest income (NII) rose 4.13% YoY to ₹44,380 crore, although it saw a slight sequential dip. The bank's domestic net interest margin (NIM) moderated to 2.93%, reflecting a year-on-year decline amid changing rate conditions and competitive lending pressures.

Operationally, SBI faced some weakness as operating profit fell 11.45% YoY and 15.7% quarter-on-quarter to ₹27,704 crore. Despite this, the bank continued to show improvement in asset quality.

Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) declined to ₹73,452 crore, with the gross NPA ratio improving to 1.49% from 1.82% a year earlier. Net NPAs also improved to 0.39%, indicating stronger recovery and write-off trends.

DRDO tests TARA glide weapon successfully

NEW DELHI

India has successfully conducted the maiden flight-trial of the Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA) weapon system off the coast of Odisha, marking a significant step in indigenous defence technology development, the government said on Friday.

The system has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in collaboration with the Indian Air Force and industry partners. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated all teams involved, calling the achievement an important milestone in strengthening India's self-reliant defence capability.

TARA is a modular range augmentation kit designed to convert unguided warheads into precision-guided weapons. It enables existing munitions to strike targets with improved accuracy and extended range, making it a cost-effective enhancement to current air-delivered weapon systems.

The system has been developed by the Research Centre Imarat (RCI) along with other DRDO laboratories. It is described as India's first indigenous glide weapon system of its kind, using low-cost technology to enhance battlefield effectiveness against ground-based targets. Officials said the project has also involved Development-cum-Production Partners and Indian industries, many of which have already begun production activities, reflecting the growing role of the domestic defence manufacturing ecosystem.

INDICES SLIP GLOBALLY

Markets slide as strait of Hormuz fears rise

MUMBAI

The Indian stock market closed sharply lower on Friday, with benchmark indices falling due to renewed geopolitical concerns linked to tensions near the Strait of Hormuz.

BSE SENSEX dropped 516 points, while the NIFTY 50 slipped around 150 points, reflecting broad-based selling pressure across sectors.

The decline was driven by rising investor anxiety after fresh military tensions emerged in the Middle East region near the Hormuz Strait, a critical global oil shipping route. Market sentiment weakened further as concerns grew over possible disruptions in crude oil supply

and global trade stability.

According to market updates, both indices extended losses from previous sessions as geopolitical risk factors overshadowed domestic economic cues. Despite the overall downturn, some segments like small-cap stocks reportedly showed relative resilience.

Foreign institutional investor (FII) selling and a weaker rupee added additional pressure on Indian equities, further dampening investor confidence during the trading session.

The volatility comes amid ongoing sensitivity of global markets to developments in West Asia, especially as oil prices remain highly reactive to tensions in the region.

Overall, the session reflected risk-off sentiment, with investors shifting toward safer assets as uncertainty around the Strait of Hormuz situation intensified.

Iyer tipped to take reins from Suryakumar

The BCCI reportedly plans to replace Suryakumar Yadav with Shreyas Iyer as India's T20I captain for the 2028 cycle.

NEW DELHI

In a move that has sent shockwaves through the cricketing world, the BCCI is reportedly set to replace Suryakumar Yadav with Shreyas Iyer as India's T20I captain. Despite leading India to a historic T20 World Cup title just last month, "SKY" is expected to be relieved of his duties following a prolonged slump with the bat and persistent fitness concerns. Reports suggest that the selection committee has "run out of patience" with Suryakumar's individual returns. Since taking over the leadership in July 2024, the 35-year-old has managed only 932 runs in 45 matches, a sharp decline from the world-class standards he previously set. Compounding the issue is a lingering wrist injury that has required heavy taping for nearly 18 months, leading to rumors that he may even miss Mumbai Indians' upcoming clash against Bengaluru.

In contrast, Shreyas Iyer has emerged as the frontrunner for the role after a stellar IPL 2026 campaign. Leading the Punjab Kings to six wins in their first seven games while amassing over 300 runs, Iyer is seen as a younger, more stable option for the future. The BCCI is reportedly aiming for a single white-ball captain for both ODIs and T20Is to create continuity ahead of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

An official announcement is expected within a fortnight of the IPL final, as selectors finalize squads for the upcoming tours of Ireland and England. While Suryakumar's tactical success is undeniable, the board's eye on the 2028 cycle looks set to usher in a new era of leadership.

Finn Allen's Maiden IPL Ton Fires KKR to Fourth Straight Win

NEW DELHI

Kolkata Knight Riders continued their impressive run in the Indian Premier League as Finn Allen smashed a sensational unbeaten century to guide his side to an emphatic eight-wicket win over Delhi Capitals on Friday. Chasing a modest target of 143, KKR reached the finish line with remarkable ease, sealing victory with 34 balls to spare and registering their fourth consecutive win of the season.

Allen, who struggled to find rhythm early in his innings, transformed the chase with a breathtaking display of power-hitting. The New Zealand batter crawled to 18 off his first 20 deliveries before shifting gears dramatically. Once settled, Allen launched a brutal assault on the Delhi bowlers, hammering 10 towering sixes and five boundaries on his way to an unbeaten 100 off just 47 balls.

The knock marked Allen's maiden IPL century and the fourth T20 hundred of his career. His explosive innings ensured KKR never lost control of the chase after a steady start. Delhi Capitals, despite posting 142, failed to contain Allen's late blitz as their bowling attack unraveled under pressure. The dominant victory further strengthened KKR's momentum in the tournament.

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Punjab Kings (PBKS)	9	6	2	13	+0.855
Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)	9	6	3	12	+1.420
Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)	10	6	4	12	+0.644
Rajasthan Royals (RR)	10	6	4	12	+0.510
Gujarat Titans (GT)	10	6	4	12	-0.147
Chennai Super Kings (CSK)	9	4	5	10	+0.151
Delhi Capitals (DC)	9	4	5	8	-1.154
Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR)	9	3	5	7	-0.169
Mumbai Indians (MI)	10	3	7	6	-0.649
Lucknow Super Giants (LSG)	9	2	7	4	-1.076

Charlie Dean ready to lead England women

LONDON

England spinner Charlie Dean has called it a "massive honour" to lead her country as the team prepares for the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup. Dean has been handed the captaincy for the ODI series against New Zealand, stepping in while regular skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt rests as a precaution.

With England hosting the T20 World Cup at home for the first time since 2009, Dean feels she is hitting her peak at exactly the right moment. She expressed high levels of confidence, stating that she is in the best mental and physical space of her career to guide the squad. While she admitted that missing a player of Sciver-Brunt's caliber is a challenge, she emphasized that player health is the top priority.

"It would seem silly to push it too early," Dean remarked, supporting the decision to keep the regular captain fresh for the global tournament. She believes this temporary leadership role will help her bring more "assuredness" to her own performance on the big stage.

England faces a tough road ahead, placed in Group 2 alongside heavyweights like the West Indies and defending champions New Zealand. The home favorites will kick off their World Cup campaign against Sri Lanka at Edgbaston on June 12.

Pujara backs young star for WC glory

LUCKNOW

Indian cricket legend Cheteshwar Pujara believes a new star is rising on the horizon. Following a brilliant performance in the IPL, Pujara claimed that young fast bowler Prince Yadav is fast-tracking his way toward a spot in the Indian World Cup squad.

The praise comes after Prince led the Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) to a thrilling nine-run victory against Bengaluru.

In a high-pressure, rain-shortened match, Prince showed nerves of steel.

He finished with impressive figures of 3-33, taking the massive wicket of Virat Kohli with what experts called a "divine delivery."

This ball hit the seam perfectly, leaving one of the world's best batters stunned. Prince also dismissed dangerous hitters Devdutt Padikkal and Jitesh Sharma, effectively breaking the back of the run chase while defending a target of 213.

Pujara noted that Prince has shown incredible growth over the last two seasons, proving he can handle the heat of the "death overs."

He emphasized that Prince possesses the rare combination of raw talent and a calm temperament.

"That World Cup dream he talks about will not be far from reality," Pujara remarked, urging the youngster to keep following his process.

Former New Zealand bowler Mitchell McClenaghan also joined the chorus of fans, praising the pacer's extra speed and tactical execution.

With the backing of cricket greats and a knack for taking big wickets, Prince Yadav is quickly becoming the name on every selector's lips as the national team looks toward its future.

Ashwin recalls mentors and early days with CSK

NEW DELHI

Indian spin legend Ravichandran Ashwin has taken a sentimental trip down memory lane, creditng late mentor VB Chandrasekhar for launching his iconic career. In a heartfelt interview, Ashwin revealed how a dominant performance in Chennai's local league paved the way for his journey with the Chennai Super Kings (CSK). During the early days of T20 cricket, many believed finger spinners were obsolete. However, after Ashwin took six wickets in a local final, he caught the eye of selectors. Despite CSK already having Muttiah Muralitharan, Chandrasekhar saw Ashwin's potential. "He told me I could go far because of my attitude," Ashwin recalled, noting that Chandrasekhar gave him his first professional contract.

Ashwin became a cornerstone of CSK's early dominance, helping them win back-to-back titles in 2010 and 2011. He praised the franchise's "heroic" domestic players like Murali Vijay and Shadab Jakati, who often flew under the radar. He also credited CSK's off-field management for creating a stress-free environment, handling everything from travel to family logistics so players could focus solely on cricket.

After traveling through various teams like Delhi Capitals and Rajasthan Royals, Ashwin returned to CSK in 2025 for a final homecoming.

Marsh smashes fastest century to sink Bengaluru

NEW DELHI

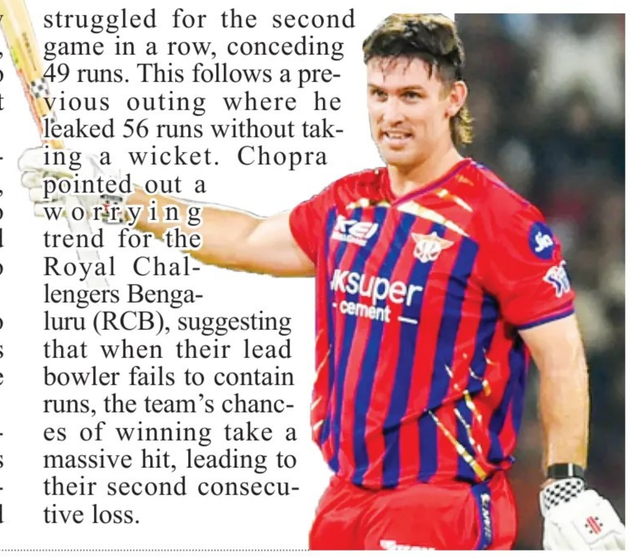
Cricket expert Aakash Chopra has hailed Mitchell Marsh's explosive batting after the opener smashed a record-breaking century to lead Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) to a tense nine-run victory. In a rain-hit match reduced to 19 overs, Marsh turned the game into a personal highlight reel, scoring 111 runs off just 56 deliveries.

His incredible innings included nine fours and nine towering sixes, reaching his hundred in only 49 balls. This feat officially stands as the fastest century ever recorded by an LSG player in IPL history. Chopra was particularly impressed by how Marsh handled fellow Australian star Josh Hazlewood, using his height and strength to dominate the world-class fast bowler.

"The way he took down Hazlewood was brilliant," Chopra noted, explaining that Marsh's ability to hit straight over the bowler's head makes him nearly impossible to bowl to.

He added that if bowlers try to shorten their length, Marsh is equally dangerous with his square cuts and pulls.

While Marsh celebrated his success, the match raised serious questions about Hazlewood's current form. The pace spearhead struggled for the second game in a row, conceding 49 runs. This follows a previous outing where he leaked 56 runs without taking a wicket. Chopra pointed out a worrying trend for the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), suggesting that when their lead bowler fails to contain runs, the team's chances of winning take a massive hit, leading to their second consecutive loss.



Patidar and Padikkal fight hard despite narrow loss

LUCKNOW

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) director of cricket, Mo Bobat, has praised his team's fighting spirit following a heartbreaking nine-run defeat to the Lucknow Super Giants. Despite the loss, Bobat highlighted the "great character" shown by captain Rajat Patidar and batter Devdutt Padikkal during a high-stakes run chase at the Ekana Stadium.

Chasing a massive target of 213 in a rain-shortened 19-over match, RCB faced an early disaster. Both openers fell quickly, including star batter Virat Kohli, who was dismissed for a duck. However, Patidar and Padikkal stabilized the innings with a brave 95-run partnership. Patidar led from the front, smashing a brilliant 61 off just 31 balls, while Padikkal added a steady 34 to keep the dream alive.

"It is rare for our openers to fall so early," Bobat said, noting that the duo did an excellent job of absorbing pressure before attacking the bowlers. He credited them for shifting the momentum back in RCB's favor, which allowed power-hitter Tim David to nearly pull off a miracle with a late 40-run cameo.

Bobat also gave credit to Lucknow's bowlers, specifically Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Krunal Pandya, for their disciplined spells. While disappointed to miss out on the win, the RCB camp is already looking forward.

Pandya embraces pressure as champions defend title

NEW DELHI

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) all-rounder Krunal Pandya has opened up about the intense weight of being defending champions, stating that pressure is a privilege that brings out his best. Speaking after a tough loss to Lucknow, Pandya emphasized that while expectations are high, success comes from staying calm and focusing on the basics of the game.

With a decade of experience, Pandya believes senior players must guide younger teammates through the mental challenges of the IPL. "Pressure is always there at the highest level," he noted, adding that he prepares himself specifically for these "tough situations" to ensure he can deliver when the team needs him most.

Pandya also discussed the evolving battle between bat and ball. He explained that as power-hitting reaches new heights, bowlers must innovate to survive. Surprisingly for a spinner, Pandya has integrated bouncers into his strategy. He revealed this wasn't an accidental change but a psychological tactic designed to keep batters off-balance. By thinking like a batter himself, he tries to stay one step ahead of his opponents.

The interview followed a nail-biting match where RCB fell just nine runs short against the Lucknow Super Giants. Despite the defeat and a rare duck for star teammate Virat Kohli, Pandya remains optimistic. For him, the path back to the top involves ignoring the noise and treating every high-stakes moment as just another game of cricket.

Pant's tactical genius sparks thrilling LSG victory

LUCKNOW

Rishabh Pant's bold captaincy decisions powered Lucknow Super Giants to a thrilling nine-run win over Royal Challengers Bengaluru.

Former India wicketkeeper Aditya Tare has lauded Rishabh Pant's "masterful" leadership following Lucknow Super Giants' (LSG) narrow nine-run victory against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Despite facing immense pressure this season, Pant's tactical gambles and clever bowling rotations proved to be the difference-maker at the Ekana Stadium.

Defending a massive 213 in a rain-shortened match, Pant faced a major test when he reached the 12th over without having used a fifth bowler. Tare pointed out that Pant's decision to introduce Shahbaz Ahmed at that late stage was a stroke of genius, as the spinner rewarded his captain's faith by claiming two vital wickets.

The biggest talking point, however, was the final over. Pant handed the ball to Digvesh Singh Rathi, a move many considered suicidal given that Rathi had already leaked 41 runs in his previous overs.

Tare noted that Pant's ability to back a struggling player in a high-stakes moment showed true captaincy. Rathi repaid the trust, using his googly to stifle the chase and secure the win.

The match also featured a standout performance from young pacer Prince Yadav, who dismissed Virat Kohli with a spectacular delivery. It was a historic moment, marking Kohli's first dismissal in a 200-plus chase in nearly ten years. While the win was a major morale booster, LSG remains at the bottom of the points table. However, Tare believes that if Pant continues this proactive approach, the team's luck could soon change.

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